



#### **DAY 04 (05 Apr): Sapa – Lao Chai – Ta Van (B,L,D)**

Today you will discover through several hill tribe villages embarking along buffalo trails to Lao Chai and Ta Van. This is a spectacular walk where you will get the pleasure to meet some of the friendliest locals and take in the views of multi-layered rice terraced fields and scattered villages.

**Overnight in Sapa.**

#### **DAY 05 (06 Apr): Sapa – Ethnic Markets – Hanoi (B,L,D)**

This Early morning start to enjoy the Sapa ethnic markets where you will be able to experience different tribes food and unique clothing (Tuesday- Coc Ly, Wednesday- Cao Son, Thursday- Lung Khau Nhin, Saturday- Can Cau, Sunday- Bac Ha). After lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit the H'Mong King's house which was built by the French and Chinese in the 1920s. Travel by road back to Hanoi.

**Overnight in Hanoi.**



#### **DAY 06 (07 Apr): Hanoi – Ha Long Bay Cruise (B,L,D)**

Depart from Ha Noi and travel by road through the Red River Delta to beautiful Halong Bay. The scenic drive will pass through rural landscapes before arriving at this World Heritage site. Upon arrival board the Luxury Junk Cruise where you will enjoy a welcome drink and freshly caught seafood lunch whilst sailing out of the bay passing amazing shaped mountains. You will also visit some magical grottoes and relax in the best scenic beauty Vietnam has to offer. Attend a morning Tai chi class & Cooking demonstration, Squid Fishing, or a movie show. We will drop anchor for our overnight stay surrounded by incredible landscape.

**Overnight on Cruise.**

#### **DAY 07 (08 Apr): Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Quang Binh (B,L,D)**

Enjoy the last stage of your trip in beautiful caves and islets, which is a wild and mysterious beauty in the middle of the World Heritage. After a final farewell from the cruise, you will be transferred back to Ha Long City wharf via our Tender for your transfer to Hanoi airport for the domestic flight to Quang Binh (Dong Hoi airport). Upon arrival, you will be transferred to Phong Nha and do check-in your beautiful farm-stay.

**Overnight in Quang Binh.**

#### **DAY 08 (09 Apr): Paradise Cave – Phong Nha Cave – Hue (B,L,D)**

Today you will explore magnificent cave in Quang Binh, firstly Paradise Cave - It's a dry cave and is called "*underground palace*". After lunch in a nice local restaurant along Son River, you will take a boat to visit Phong Nha Cave and you will feel like you are entering in the mouth of mountain. You will be transferred to Hue after cave tour.

**Overnight in Hue.**



#### **DAY 09 (10 Apr): Hue – City Tour (B,L,D)**

You will visit several highlights such as Tu Duc tomb, Minh Mang tomb, and Khai Dinh tomb. After lunch, you will then visit Hue Citadel, Ngo Mon gate where Bao Dai ended Nguyen dynasty, Thai Hoa palace (Palace of Supreme Harmony), Hall of the Mandarins, and the Forbidden Purple city. Finish the day with a visit to Thien Mu pagoda: built on a hillock overlooking the Perfume River, this pagoda is an icon of Vietnam and the symbol of Hue city. Cruise the beautiful Huong river by dragon boat viewing daily life along the way. Visit some villages and don't miss the sunset over the river.

**Overnight in Hue.**

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### **DAY 10 (11 Apr): Hue – Hoi An (B,L,D)**

Take a three-hour drive to Hoi An which climbs over the hills. The view from the top of the Hai Van Pass is one of the most impressive panoramic scenes in Vietnam with views over Lang Co Beach, on the way you'll have a chance to visit Cham museum and Marble Mountain. Before dinner we take you to our reputable tailor where you can get your favorite garments done.

**Overnight in Hoian.**

### **DAY 11 (12 Apr): Hoi An – City Tour (B,L,D)**

Hoi An was originally one of the major trading centers of South East Asia in the 16th century. Our highlight today is a visit to the World Heritage Site of Hoi An Town, one Vietnam's most delightful places. Experience a different world with the narrow lanes and historic architecture, old houses, the 400-year-old Japanese bridge and the colorful market stalls brimming with tropical specialties. The afternoon is free at leisure to enjoy on the beach or shopping.

**Overnight in Hoian.**



### **DAY 12 (13 Apr): Hoi An – Cooking Class (B,L,D)**

Visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. We will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and learn about all the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later. We board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. This is a chance to view local river life, so make sure your camera is handy. On arrival, we explore the cooking school's herb garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours – the Red Bridge chefs first demonstrate each dish before we prepare the same dish ourselves. After the lesson, we sit down and eat what we have cooked.

**Overnight in Hoian.**

### **DAY 13 (14 Apr): Hoi An – Da Nang - Saigon (B,L,D)**

Morning is at leisure before your flight to Saigon. Arrive to Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial centre of Vietnam, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy A Ô Show (Optional) and Dinner at local restaurant. **Overnight in Saigon.**

### **DAY 14 (15 Apr): Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnel (B,L,D)**

Morning we will be travelling out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Cu Chi is an extensive underground network (approx. 200 km/125 mi) of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh, and later expanded by the Viet Cong. After lunch your local guide will take you on a city tour to the major sites in Ho Chi Minh City: Re-Unification Palace, the Central Post Office, the Notre Dame Cathedral, and the War Remains Museum.

**Overnight in Saigon.**

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### **DAY 15 (16 Apr): Saigon – Ben Tre – Can Tho (B,L,D)**

Enjoy a full day excursion to Ben Tre, 80 km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the banks of the Mekong River. The Tour comprises of a cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to local homes & orchards, a taste of season fruit and honey tea, a performance of traditional southern singing, a horse drawn cart through the village paths and a sampan ride along palm- shaded creeks. Lunch is served as a Mekong specialty at a restaurant on the islet. Continue your journey to Can Tho (110km). Words simply cannot describe this surreal adventure. If time permits you can relax by the pool or take in a massage at the hotel spa on the banks of the Delta.

**Overnight in Can Tho.**

### **DAY 16 (17 Apr): Can Tho - Saigon (B,L,D)**

Enjoy an early morning boat ride along the Mekong River to the bustling Cai Rang floating market, thronged with buyers and sellers moving around in boats laden with produce. This is a journey you won't forget and is a "must see" to appreciate the simplicity of the lives and culture of the Vietnamese people. Return to the hotel for a late breakfast and some time to relax. After lunch drive to Ho Chi Minh City and check into your hotel.

**Overnight in Saigon.**



### **DAY 17 (18 Apr): Saigon Departure (B)**

After breakfast, morning is at leisure until you are transferred to the airport.

**Optional:** Cambodia Tour or Laos Tour.

### *End of Services*

**The above itinerary may change depend on flight schedule, road & weather**

#### **The Price Includes:**

- \* Overnight accommodation in DBL/TWN sharing room
- \* Return economy flights from Brisbane/Sydney/Melbourne to Vietnam
- \* Domestic economy flights as per itinerary
- \* Vietnamese Tourist Visa
- \* All applicable entrance fees, boat fees as per the itinerary
- \* Meals as per the itinerary (exclude drinks)
- \* Experienced English speaking tour guide
- \* Complimentary 2 bottles of water per person per day on tour

Recommendation tipping: USD 5 Per Person per Day

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