Downright compelling and superbly exotic, Vietnam is a country of astonishing natural beauty with an unbelievable heritage that fascinates visitors far and wide. At every turn, you’ll find experiential opportunities that wow the senses. Fawn over a stellar seascape of limestone islands in Halong Bay from the deck of a Chinese junk. Spelunk your way through the world’s most amazing cave systems in Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. Witness the historical in a cemetery host to tens of thousands of war victims.

**Planning tips for Vietnam**

**Language:** Vietnamese.

**Time Zone:** Eleven to twelve hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time.

**Currency:** Vietnamese Dong (VND).

**Entry Requirements for US Citizens:** Passport and Visa are required.

### TRAVEL TIMES

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**Central Market, Hoi An**

**One Pillar Pagoda, Hanoi**

**The Palace Gate, Imperial Palace Moat, Hue**
Vietnam Essentials
Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, & Ho Chi Minh City

Experience the highlights of Vietnam journeying from North to South. From the colonial charm of the capital Hanoi, and the sweeping vistas of Halong Bay of the north, to the quaint, UNESCO-listed Hoi An of the center, and onwards south to Ho Chi Minh City and the lush Mekong Delta, this comprehensive program offers an insightful look into this fascinating country.

8 Days/7 Nights from $1,645pp

7 Nights Includes
- Private English speaking guide
- All private ground transfers & domestic air
- 2 nights Hanoi
- Hanoi city tour + Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum & One Pillar Pagoda
- Water Puppet show
- 1 night Halong Bay cruise with touring + fullboard meals
- 2 nights Hoi An
- My Son tour
- Hoi An city tour
- 2 nights Ho Chi Minh City
- Ho Chi Minh City tour + Notre Dame Cathedral & Central Post Office
- Cai Be Floating Market tour + Vinh Long boat trip
- Daily breakfast

Pricing based on the following properties: Mercure Hotel La Gare, Hanoi; Paradise Luxury Cruise, Halong Bay; Hoi An Trails Spa and Resort Hoi An; Duxton Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City. Hotel upgrades available.

Vietnam Essentials Experiences

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi
Visit the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh and a Stilt House where he lived from 1958 until his final days in 1969. Preserved in the same condition, it may be viewed through the windows.

One Pillar Pagoda in Hanoi
The legend goes that one night in 1049, King Ly Thai Tong dreamed of the Holy Lady sitting on a lotus and leading him to a pillar-based pagoda that he then built for Buddhist bathing ceremonies.

Halong Bay Cruise
Cruise through Hoa Cuong Fishing Village, Ti Top area, and Bai Tu Long Area. Visit Thien Canh Son Island where you can go swimming, kayaking, or explore the mysterious dark cave.

My Son from Hoi An
The former religious center of the Champa Kingdom is now five archaeological sites from different periods, in a beautifully green setting of hills and winding streams.

Notre Dame Cathedral in Ho Chi Minh City
A brick, neo-Romanesque church with high square towers tipped with iron spires. Interior walls are inlaid with devotional tablets and some stained glass exists in its original form.

Central Post Office in Ho Chi Minh City
The Central Post Office is one of the oldest buildings in Ho Chi Minh City. It was built around 1886-1891, based on the design of Gustave Eiffel, a famous French architect.

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Beautiful Vietnam
Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, & Ho Chi Minh City

Take an in-depth journey winding through Vietnam, from the North to the South, on this program. Experience its diverse and picturesque scenery and discover the intoxicating blend of old and new, from narrow lanes and old shop houses of Hanoi and the charming, UNESCO-listed Hoi An, to the buzzing commercial hub of exciting Ho Chi Minh City.

10 Days/9 Nights from $1,895pp

9 Nights Includes

- Private English speaking guide
- All private ground transfers & domestic air
- 2 nights Hanoi
- Hanoi city tour + Hoan Kiem Lake & Ngoc Son Temple
- Water Puppet show
- 1 night Halong Bay cruise + touring & fullboard meals
- 2 nights Hue
- Thien Mu Pagoda tour + Perfume River boat trip
- Old Imperial City of Hue tour

- Imperial Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh visits
- Cham Museum & the Marble Mountains visits
- 2 nights Hoi An
- My Son tour
- Hoi An city walking tour
- 2 nights Ho Chi Minh City tour
- Cai Be Floating Market visit tour + Vinh Long boat trip
- Daily breakfast

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Vietnam Discovery
Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, & Can Tho

Discover the breathtaking scenery and fascinating culture of Vietnam as you travel through its 3 main regions - North, Central and South. From the mountainous North and the capital Hanoi, to the Center and the quaint Hoi An, and the lush Mekong Delta of the South, this immersive program offers a memorable experience in this unforgettable country.

12 Days/11 Nights from $2,385pp

11 Nights Includes
- Private English speaking guide
- All private ground transfers & domestic air
- 2 nights Hanoi
- Hanoi city tour
- Water Puppet show
- 1 night Halong Bay cruise + touring & fullboard meals
- 2 nights Hue
- Thien Mu Pagoda tour + Perfume River boat trip
- Old Imperial City of Hue tour
- Cham Museum & the Marble Mountains visits
- 2 nights Hoi An

- My Son tour
- Hoi An city walking tour
- 2 nights Ho Chi Minh City
- Ho Chi Minh City tour + Reunification Palace
- Cai Be Floating Market visit + Vinh Long boat trip
- My Tho visit & Mekong River islands boat ride
- Cai Rang Floating Market visit + Fruit Plantation tour
- 2 nights Can Tho
- Can Tho city tour
- Daily breakfast

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Vietnam Discovery Experiences

Water Puppet Show in Hanoi
A traditional water puppet performance shows the daily life of Vietnamese farmers or historical legends using lighting effects, music and interactivity between people and puppets.

Perfume River from Hue
In the autumn, flowers from orchards upriver from Hue fall into the water, giving the river a perfume-like aroma, hence the sobriquet.

Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City
This 60s style palace was famously stormed by tanks signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance.

My Tho from Ho Chi Minh City
A bustling town in the rich agricultural region of the Mekong Delta. Visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda which exhibits a harmonious fusion of Asian and European architectural styles.

Cai Rang Floating Market from Can Tho
The biggest and most bustling of the Mekong Delta markets attracts fruit and vegetable vendors from all over the region that sell to buyers on smaller boats weaving between the large barges.

Ong Temple in Can Tho
In a fantastic location facing the Can Tho River and decorated with huge incense coils, this Chinese temple is set inside the Guangzhou Assembly Hall.

Privately Guided Independent Vacations & Experiences
Hanoi Hotels & Extras

Recommended Hotels

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<td>Mercure Hotel La Gare 4★</td>
<td>94 Ly Thuong Kiet Street</td>
<td>4 ★</td>
<td>Combining French colonial architecture with modern interior design. Conveniently located in the Hoan Kiem district. Relax on the Parisian-style terrace.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Movenpick Hotel 4★</td>
<td>83A Ly Thuong Kiet Street</td>
<td>4 ★</td>
<td>Conveniently located in the heart of Hanoi, this hotel has distinctive French architecture as well as excellent services and modern facilities.</td>
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<td>Sofitel Plaza 5★</td>
<td>1 Thanh Nien Road</td>
<td>5 ★</td>
<td>Contemporary elegance and tastefully décor at hotel offering sophistication and luxury in rooms with stunning views of Hanoi from frameless panoramic windows.</td>
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<td>Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake Hotel 5★</td>
<td>1A Nghi Tam</td>
<td>5 ★</td>
<td>Uniquely placed over the serene waters of West Lake, spacious accommodations, luxurious facilities, and attentive hospitality.</td>
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<td>Hotel de L’Opera 5★ Boutique</td>
<td>29 Trang Tien</td>
<td>5 ★</td>
<td>Set in the historic quarter of the city, this elegant hotel in the colonial-style recreates all the glamour of an evening at the opera in its décor.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sofitel Metropole 5★ Boutique</td>
<td>15 Ngo Quyen Street</td>
<td>5 ★</td>
<td>An award-winning colonial and neo-classical luxury hotel located in the heart of the old city. Enjoy French, Vietnamese and Italian restaurants, three bars, a spa, and pool.</td>
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Hanoi Extras

Private Hanoi City Half-Day Tour - $35
Narrow lanes and traditional shop houses invite a uniquely vivid experience on foot while its lakes, parks, and monuments give the city an air of elegance and harmony.

Private Walk the Rail Tracks of Hanoi Half-Day Tour - $45
Stroll along railroad tracks that snake through Hanoi - in some areas only a few short steps from the front doors of residents.

Private Thay & Ta Phuong Pagoda Half-Day Tour - $55
In front of Thay Pagoda, there is a small stage in which locals perform Water Puppet Theater. Tay Phuong Pagoda sits on a hill that resembles a buffalo.

Private Explore the Art of Hanoi Tour (4.5 hrs) - $85
Visit a village where an ancient form of painting has been kept alive by local families, and meet an extraordinary artist who is breaking away from tradition.

Want more extras? We also offer: Private Walking to Huu Tiep Lake and the Downed B52 Tour • Private Halong Bay Tour • Private Hoa Binh Tour

Tour prices are per person. Private tour price based on two passengers. Additional tours available. Visit our website or call us for more details.
Halong Bay
The unrivaled scenery of this scattering of islands, designated a World Heritage site in 1994, is highlighted by a spectacular seascape of limestone pillars.

Halong Bay Cruises
Known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests, junk boat tours and sea kayak expeditions take visitors past islands named for their shapes, including Stone Dog and Teapot islands.

Incl...
Ho Chi Minh City
A vibrant metropolis teeming with energy, activity, and motion. Every where you look, you see the meeting of the charm of ancient traditions and the comforts of modern life.

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<td>Liberty Central Hotel 4★</td>
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<td>179 Le Thanh Ton Street</td>
<td>Located in one of the busiest hubs of Ho Chi Minh City with modern décor and a team that are celebrated for being kind, helpful and friendly. 139 rooms. 4★</td>
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<td>Hotel Nikko 5★</td>
<td>5★</td>
<td>235 Nguyen Van Cu Street</td>
<td>A modern and stylish property with minimalist design in Ho Chi Minh City's business district. Rooms have city views from over-sized windows and feature calming earth tones. 334 rooms. 5★</td>
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<td>Majestic Hotel 5★ Boutique</td>
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<td>1 Dong Khoi Street</td>
<td>Since 1925, this hotel with old boutique charm has occupied one of the finest locations in Ho Chi Minh City where guests can enjoy the stunning views of the Saigon River. 175 rooms. 5★</td>
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<td>Caravelle Hotel 5★</td>
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<td>19-23 Lam Son Square</td>
<td>With commanding views of the city and an enviable location opposite the Opera House, this landmark hotel is at the heart of a city once renowned as the &quot;Pearl of the Orient.&quot; 335 rooms. 5★</td>
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<td>Park Hyatt 5★ Boutique</td>
<td>5★</td>
<td>2 Lam Son Square</td>
<td>Experience the essence of the modern Vietnamese lifestyle rising above District 1, steps from the elegant Opera House, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Reunification Palace. 244 rooms. 5★</td>
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**Ho Chi Minh City Extras**

- **Private Ho Chi Minh City Insider Half-Day Tour - $45**
  - See an antique street, pass by the Fine Art Museum, and continue on Yersin Street. Visit a secret bunker used for the Tet Offensive. Enjoy a nice walk in Hoang Sa. And more!

- **Private Cu Chi Tunnels Half-Day Tour - $55**
  - Walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the VC, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels.

- **Private Hidden Ho Chi Minh City at Night Tour (6 hrs) - $135**
  - Experience night culture through drinks at a local bar, a circus performance in an Opera House, BBQ food at a local restaurant, and local music in a secret venue.

- **Glimpse of the Mekong Tour by Vespa (6.5 hrs) - $225**
  - Take a Vespa ride through the back roads of Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong River from Nha Be district toward Long An.

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**Want more extras?**
- We also offer: Private Cholon Photogenic Experience Tour • Private Cai Be Floating Market and Vinh Long Tour
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Hoi An

This picturesque riverside town with a preserved Old Town, was one of South East Asia’s major international ports during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

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<td>321 Cua Dai Street</td>
<td>Surrounded by rice fields and the De Vong River in Hoi An's countryside within just a 20-minute walk from the beach. 96 rooms.</td>
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<td>Hotel Royal Hoi An MGallery 5★</td>
<td>39 Dao Duy Tu Street</td>
<td>Located on the banks of the Thu Bon River, this Art Nouveau hotel blends historical charm and modernity with spectacular views of the river and ancient town. 119 rooms.</td>
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<td>Ananta Hoi An 4★</td>
<td>1 Pham Hong Thai Street</td>
<td>Experience an idyllic blend of riverside relaxation and luxury at a charming boutique retreat with international influences and split level rooms. 93 rooms.</td>
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<td>Sunrise Hoi An Beach Resort 5★</td>
<td>Cua Dai Beach</td>
<td>Perfectly positioned along the popular Cua Dai Beach, this colonial-style resort offers enchanting views of Nha Trang Bay within walking distance of tourist destinations. 222 rooms.</td>
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Hue

This city was established in the 17th century and served as the capital of Vietnam for more than 140 years. It houses ancient temples, imperial buildings, and French-style edifices.

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<td>Pilgrimage Village 4★</td>
<td>130 Minh Mang Road</td>
<td>Ideally located in the quiet countryside in a rustic village setting surrounding by lush tranquil gardens, yet near to all the famous historical landmarks. 99 rooms.</td>
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<td>La Residence Hotel &amp; Spa 5★</td>
<td>5 Le Loi Street</td>
<td>An enchantingly opulent boutique hotel on the banks of the fabled Perfume River overlooking the former Imperial Citadel. 122 rooms.</td>
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<td>Ana Mandara Hue 5★</td>
<td>Thuan An Town</td>
<td>The only private pool villas in the region incorporate the very essence of Vietnamese hospitality and all the comforts expected from a luxury resort. 78 rooms.</td>
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Includes

- Private arrival transfer
- 2 nights accommodations
- Daily breakfast

Price is per person, double occupancy

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Mekong River Cruising
As the longest river in Southeast Asia, the Mekong is the source of life for people of the countries through which it flows: they live, work, eat, sleep, and even shop on its surface and along its banks.

Mekong Princess | 8 Days/7 Nights from $3,895pp
Departs from Jan.-Aug. 2016 (Available upstream and downstream)

Upstream Itinerary
Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City
Day 2: Ben Tre/Tam Binh
Day 3: Can Tho/Thot Not
Day 4: Long Xuyen
Day 5: Hong Ngu/Border Crossing
Day 6: Tonle Sap River Cruise/Kampong Chhnang
Day 7: Phnom Penh
Day 8: Preak Kdame

Sharing the Mekong River and a long border, Vietnam and Cambodia have rich histories that often intersect. While known in the West for 20th-century conflict, both nations boast natural beauty and cultural sites that provide a backdrop to temples and booming retail districts.

Includes
• Accommodations
• All transfers
• Shore excursions including guides & entrance fees
• All meals including soft drinks & water

Mekong Navigator | 8 Days/7 Nights from $2,495pp
Departs from Jan.-Aug. 2016 (Available upstream and downstream)

Upstream Itinerary
Day 1: My Tho
Day 2: Cai Be/Sa Dec
Day 3: Tan Chau/Border Crossing
Day 4: Phnom Penh
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Day 6: Tonle Sap River Cruise/Kampong Chhnang
Day 7: Wat Hanchey/Kampong Cham
Day 8: Kampong Cham/Siem Reap

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The traditional, floating markets of Can Tho offer a colorful look at the daily life on the river, bringing farmers from surrounding areas to sell or trade their produce. Many Buddhist monasteries in Cambodia are built near the river to serve the rural communities.
Mekong River Cruising

There is no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the Mekong River. Indeed, there can be no more striking a cultural contrast as that between the bustling Vietnam Delta and the tranquility of Cambodia.

Includes

• Accommodations
• Entrance fees
• Guide services (English language)
• Gratuities to crew
• Locally made soft drinks, local beer, and local spirits
• Main meals
• Jugged coffee and selection of teas, tisanes, and mineral water
• Transfers from meeting points

RV Mekong Pandaw Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh
4 Days/3 Nights from $875pp
Departs from Jan. 2016-Mar. 2017
Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City
Day 2: Cai Be
Day 3: Chau Doc
Day 4: Phnom Penh

RV Mekong Pandaw Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City
5 Days/4 Nights from $1,175pp
Departs from Jan. 2016 -Mar. 2017
Day 1: Phnom Penh
Day 2: Cruising
Day 3: Chau Doc
Day 4: Sa Dec
Day 5: My Tho + ground transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City

RV Mekong Pandaw - Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap
8 Days/7 Nights from $1,895pp
Departs from Jan. 2016 -Mar. 2017
Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City
Day 2: Cai Be
Day 3: Chau Doc
Day 4: Phnom Penh
Day 5: Tonle River
Day 6/7: Kampong Cham
Day 8: Siem Reap
(Reverse Itinerary available)

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