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OVERVIEW

Hanoi - Halong - Hoi An.

DURATION

Trip planning	Exotic Voyages
Guest names	To be advised
Number of guest	2 persons (1 double room)
Traveling style	Leisure pace
Dates of traveling	TBD
Room Preference	Non smoking, nice view
Destinations	Vietnam
Version	Version 1
Code	HN – 190306110801 – V1
Validity	One year from the date of event. High Season/Holiday surcharge applies for Christmas week, New Year's week and Lunar New Year





ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi, you will be met by our local guide at the airport and transferred to your hotel for a rest after your long journey. The remainder of the day is free to rest, relax or explore on your own. Hanoi is a picturesque city of more than 6 million people. Its tree-shaded streets are filled with lovely examples of French colonial architecture. As we walk the streets we will be transported back in time. We'll be swept away by the scenes in the marketplaces, family life in the street, commerce, and a mixture of old and new technologies. Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel.





Day 2: Hanoi City (Breakfast, Lunch)

This morning we will visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (the outside) and his nearby former residence - a traditional stilt house.

After that, you will visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu in Vietnamese), situated in the place once known as the first university of Vietnam. Built in 1070 by emperor Ly Thanh Tong, the university was first opened for princes and mandarins exclusively. Inside, you will find 82 of the original 116 stelae engraving the names of the winners from doctorate competitions. Outside, with its ancient courtyards, altars and roofs, Van Mieu is a very fine example of Vietnamese architecture.





You will then enjoy your lunch at the special restaurant, a charming and warm place with fantastic food and services - KOTO Restaurant. It is not only a restaurant, it is a home for disadvantage youth in Vietnam where they can raise their confidence and have a better life through its holistic hospitality training program. KOTO - stands for Know One, Teach One", it reflects their belief that if you're in a position where you can help someone less fortunate, then you should help them; and the greatest thanks you can receive is to one day see that person be in a position to do the same for someone else. It would be the memorable time to enjoy the meal and explore the story behind.



This afternoon, keeping your journey to Hoa Lo Prison, used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War when it was sarcastically known to American prisoners of war as the Hanoi Hilton. The prison was demolished during the 1990s, though the gatehouse remains as a museum.



The balance of the day is free time to enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter, also known as the '36 streets'. This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore with plenty of photo opportunities all around you.

Dinner on your own account. Overnight at the hotel.





Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

In the morning leave Hanoi for Halong Bay with guide (180 km - 3.5 hour driving), arriving around noon. Board a charming boat and begin your exploration of magical Halong Bay, one of Southeast Asia's premier tourist destinations. An excellent, fresh seafood lunch and dinner will be served on the boat. Overnight onboard the very comfortable and charming boat.

** Your guide will not embark the cruise, you will have local guide on board.*





Day 4: Halong – Hanoi – Danang - Hoi An (Breakfast)

Wake up early in the morning to enjoy the aquamarine water of the bay at its best. After breakfast, the junk continues to cruise quietly through the spectacular limestone formations of Halong Bay. Enjoy the peacefulness of sailing amongst the unique islands of the bay. Return to Halong harbour for transfer back Hanoi airport for the flight to Danang. Welcome by driver and transfer with guide to your hotel in Hoi An for check in. Lunch and dinner on your own account. Overnight in Hoi An.



Day 5: Tra Que Vegetable Village – Hoi An Town (Breakfast, Lunch)

In the morning, enjoy a bike ride (05 km) to visit the “village of vegetables”, Tra Que (back up car is available for you). Tra Que village is known for its special aromatic herbs, mint and basil; leaves of these plants are smaller than usual, however they have a very particular aroma because of the



special farming practices they have used for centuries. Together with local people, you will learn how they plant and care for the vegetables and herbs. We return to the host's home to enjoy a relaxing foot massage. Learn to cook some local specialties such as "Tam Huu", a blend of shrimp, pork and aromatic herbs, and enjoy what you have created.

After lunch, we return to Hoi An's ancient town, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site because of its unusually well-preserved ancient streets and homes. Set out to explore the quaint cobblestone streets of the town with more than two-century-old Chinese houses. Sites include the Japanese Bridge, the Chinese Temple, and Phung Hung Chinese-style trading house. The rest of the day is free at leisure in the old streets of Hoi An for great shopping opportunities or further wandering around the town. Free dinner. Overnight in Hoi An.





Day 6: Hoi An free day (Breakfast) - No guide, no vehicle

Today is free at leisure to relax and explore the town on your own. Lunch and dinner on your expense. Overnight in Hoi An.



Day 7: Hoi An - Danang – Departure (Breakfast)

This morning is free at leisure. Check out time until 12.00PM. At the right time, you will be driven with guide to Danang airport for your departure flight. Lunch and dinner on your own account.

SERVICES END



ACCOMMODATION

Location	Hotel
Hanoi	Hanoi La Siesta Hotel Trendy *** (Trendy Deluxe) or similar subject to availability
Ha Long Bay	Non-private Huong Hai Sealife (Suite) or similar subject to availability
Hoi An	Ancient house village **** (Garden View Superior) or similar subject to availability

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Services included

- Transportation by private vehicle with A/C or joining transfer as mentioned.
- Local English speaking guide(s)
- Breakfast and other meals mentioned in the program
- Accommodation in the category chosen or similar
- Sightseeing as mentioned
- Non-private overnight cruise in Halong Bay

Services excluded

- Drinks during the meals
- Meals not mentioned
- Personal insurance
- Tips and personal expenses
- Any service not mentioned in the program
- International flights in economy class and airport taxes. Asia internal airfares
- Visa to Vietnam
- Optional services, early check-in and late check-out at the hotel where not mention.