

ADVENTURES IN VIETNAM

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February 14 – March 15, 2015





THE FRENCH QUARTER - HANOI

MEALS: In-flight
OVERNIGHT: *La Belle Vie Hotel*

La Belle Vie Hotel

Excellently situated within easy reach of all Hanoi's main attractions, La Belle Vie Hotel welcomes you with timeless elegance, warmth and immaculate style. Combining elegant Vietnamese charm with seductive modern touches, our 40 guest rooms offer you great comfort, refined style and a wide range of amenities and services that take care of your daily, recreational and business needs. La Belle Vie definitely is an oasis for corporate and leisure travelers offering them the "True Vietnam Experience."

DAY 3 HANOI

February 16, 2015

After breakfast meet your guide in the lobby and depart to explore Hanoi with a classic cyclo ride in the Old French Quarters. The cyclo is a three-wheel bicycle taxi that appeared in Vietnam during the French colonial period after a failed attempt to introduce rickshaws.

You will visit Ngoc Son Temple, which was built in the 18th century on Jade Island in the center of Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Returned Sword). Inside the pagoda are a large bronze bust, altars dedicated to Tran Hung Dao, some ancient artifacts including ceramics and a

preserved specimen of a giant turtle found in the lake weighing over 500 pounds.

Next take a walking tour along the most famous streets for stocking up for Tet, the most important holiday in Vietnamese culture. Marvel at the abundance of flowers, food and gifts and the busy people all rushing to make their purchases.

For lunch, enjoy traditional Vietnamese food at *Ly Club Restaurant*. After lunch return to your hotel with the balance of the day at your leisure.

Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner, arranged at the *Wild Lotus* restaurant with Vietnamese cuisine, to share family style.

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RICE FIELDS

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: *La Belle Vie Hotel*

DAY 4
HANOI / HALONG

February 17, 2015

This morning depart with your guide to visit the Temple of Literature and Tran Quoc Pagoda.

The Temple of Literature is often cited as one of Hanoi's most picturesque tourist attractions. Originally built as a university in 1070 dedicated to Confucius, scholars and sages, the building is extremely well preserved and is a superb example of traditional-style Vietnamese architecture.

Located on a small peninsula on the East side of West Lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda is regarded as the most ancient pagoda in Hanoi with its history line of more than 1,500 years. The architecture of this Buddhist center is a subtle combination between the solemn and beautiful landscape on the peaceful and quiet ambiance of West Lake's surface.

Return to your hotel to check-out and then savor a traditional lunch of Hanoi cuisine at the *Mam Restaurant* before departing to your next destination.

Privately transfer from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay traveling through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta and the scenery of

rice fields, water buffalos and everyday Vietnamese village life on both side of the highway.

Upon arrival in Halong, check-in to the *Novotel Halong Bay* with the balance of the day free at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch
OVERNIGHT: *Novotel Ha Long Bay*

Novotel Ha Long Bay

Set amidst a mystical landscape overlooking the stunning bay, Novotel Ha Long Bay Hotel offers a glimpse into contemporary Vietnam, while recalling a story of the country's intricate past

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VIEW FROM TOP OF TI TOP ISLAND

through its elegant interior decor. With sweeping windows and oversized mirrors, the hotel captures panoramic views of Ha Long Bay and its spectacular seascapes at every turn. All rooms have panoramic bay windows that look out to either the picturesque bay or city view.

DAY 5
HA LONG BAY

February 18, 2014

Today meet your guide in the lobby after breakfast to travel to Hon Gai to visit the lively Hon Gai seafood market. Before returning to the hotel to check-out, explore Long Tien Pagoda.

In the late morning, you will be transferred to your cruise a two day, one-night journey to explore the beauty of Ha Long Bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring thousands of limestone karsts and isles in various sizes and shapes, Hả Long Bay is a center of a larger zone which includes Bái Tử Long Bay to the northeast, and Cát Bà Islands to the southwest. These larger zones share similar geological, geographical, geomorphological, climate, and cultural characters.

Upon arrival, check in your cabin, and then feast on a delicious lunch as you cruise among beautiful islets with

descriptive names such as Tea pot islet, Monster Face islet, Man's Head islet and Tortoise islet.

Board a traditional rowing boat to take in the charm and tranquility of the lagoon at Luon Cave. Back onboard continue cruising through limestone islets. The next stop is at Ti Top Island where you can enjoy swimming, kayaking or walking up to the summit to admire a fantastic view onto Ha Long Bay.

After re-embarking, attend the chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking as you are surrounded by the stunning scenery in motion.

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HUONG HAI SEALIFE CRUISE

Tonight is a Gala Dinner on board as you celebrate the Lunar New Year Eve with other guests and staff on board.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: *Huong Hai Sealife Cruise*

Huong Hai Sealife Cruise

Newly launched in Feb, 2013, Huong Hai Sealife Cruise with its 26 luxury guest rooms and 5 star level is the best choice for travelers to Ha Long Bay. To guarantee the most fantastic trip for you, all of our services from the dining room, guest room, bar, sundeck, massage room and many other recreational facilities are at the highest level of luxury and offered by all friendly, well trained crew.

DAY 6
HA LONG BAY - BA VI

February 19, 2015

To insure a lucky year ahead, it is traditional to wake up early on this first day of the Lunar New Year. Join in the Tai Chi session on the sundeck at the break of dawn followed by coffee/tea and pastries. Then explore Surprise Cave (Hang Sung Sot), one of the largest and most famous grottoes in the entire Halong Bay.

Enjoy a beautiful buffet breakfast as you cruise back to the port in Ha Long city. Upon disembarkation your guide will be waiting to take you to Ba Vi with a stop for lunch on your own along the way.

Upon arrival, get settled into your room before dinner at the homestead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: *Ba Vi Homestead*

Ba Vi Homestead

Ba Vi Homestead is located on a scenic hill comfortably nestled between the Ba Vi Mountains in a traditional and diverse agricultural landscape (with ponds, streams, lakes and rivers), among some of the most ancient wet rice civilizations in the world. The view in front of the Homestead includes terraced rice fields, with a backdrop of the immense primeval forest of Ba Vi Mountains.

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BA VI HOMESTEAD ACTIVITIES

DAY 7

BA VI HOMESTEAD

February 20, 2015

Today is free for you to participate in any of the different homestead activities offered.

You may be able to participate in agricultural activities that characterize Vietnamese culture, such as: cultivating rice, fishing with bamboo rods, growing and harvesting various vegetables and herbs, collecting honey from bees, making dried tea (tea picking and processing), feeding cows, goats and rabbits... even emus.

Perhaps you will choose to visit the green tea gardens and vast corn fields on the banks of ancient rivers which have formed the Red River Delta in North Vietnam over thousands of years. With their range of buildings and

equipment including an ancient wooden house, a traditional house on stilts and a clay house, combined with their professional staff, you are assured of a relaxing and informative time at Ba Vi Homestead.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: *Ba Vi Homestead*

DAY 8

BA VI - HUE

February 21, 2015

This morning, continue to enjoy your last morning at Ba Vi Homestead by wandering around the countryside and interacting with local people. Enjoy an early lunch at the homestead before meeting up with your

guide and departing to the airport for your flight to Hue. At the airport, bid farewell to your guide after you are checked in at the ticket counter.

DEPART HANOI: 1:40PM

FLIGHT: VIETNAM AIRLINES #1545

ARRIVE HUE: 2:50PM

Upon arrival in Hue, collect your luggage and meet your driver in the arrivals hall holding a sign. Privately transfer to the *Imperial Hue Hotel* with the balance of the day at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: *Imperial Hue Hotel*

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THAN TOAN BRIDGE

Imperial Hue Hotel

The Imperial Hotel possesses 194 well equipped rooms with modern facilities. The rooms combine modern with classic elements, blending historic architectural details and earthy décor. All rooms have classic and polished wooden floors and natural fabrics. All have spectacular panoramic views of the serene Perfume River, the magnificent Ngu Binh Mountain and ancient monuments of the city.

**DAY 9
HUE**

February 22, 2015

After breakfast, meet your guide in the lobby and depart on an excursion to the Than Toan Tile-roofed Bridge. This excursion can be done by bicycle, or by car, just let us know which you prefer.

The way to Thanh Toan Bridge offers endless vistas of yellow rice fields and ladies with traditional hats raising ducks. Stop and take a rest on the bridge and have your fortune told by a local woman. Interacting with the fortune teller will be one of your most unforgettable experiences. Return to the center of Hue for lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on an afternoon boat ride along the romantic

Perfume River to witness daily life by the riverside.

Visit some of Hue's landmarks this afternoon. The Thien Mu Pagoda, which is considered to the symbol of Hue was built in 1844 by Emperor Thieu Tri. It features golden Buddha images at the base, along with a big bell cast in 1710, and a stone turtle holding a marble stele inscribed in the 17th century.

The Citadel Complex of Hue, set up by Nguyen Dynasty, is now one amongst the relics of the ancient Capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The complex is made up of the Hue Capital Citadel, Royal Citadel and Forbidden Citadel.

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VIEW FROM HAI VAN PASS

King Khai Dinh's Tomb is the last Mausoleum built during the Nguyen Dynasty. It is perhaps the most beautiful of all the royal tombs situated on one of the Chau Mountains, amidst pine, cassava and sugar cane.

At the end of the day, return to your hotel with the balance of the day at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: *Imperial Hue Hotel*

DAY 10

HUE / HOI AN

February 23, 2015

This morning check-out after breakfast and depart with your guide to the Palace of Princess Ngoc Son.

Princess Ngoc Son was a daughter of Emperor Dong Khanh and when she married, her father granted her land to build a home. Today, her home is one of the best preserved garden houses and has been maintained largely in its original form. The house is a classic structure with three bays and two wings. The highlight is a small artificial rock garden. The present owner, Mr. Phan Thuan An, also has a fascinating collection of artifacts and mementos from the days of the former Royal Empire.

Enjoy a lunch of traditional Hue specialties prepared by the family at their historical home while you unearth Hue's fascinating past.

In the afternoon, drive to Hoi An delighting in the scenery of abundant rice paddy fields. Travel over the Hai Van Pass, which on a clear day has spectacular views of the coastline.

Upon arrival in Hoi An check-in to the *Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa* and freshen up. Dinner is arranged tonight at the *Dao Tien Riverside Restaurant*. After dinner enjoy the evening at your leisure.

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HOI AN

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: *Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa*

Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa

Overlooking that legendary Hoai river running peacefully in front and just a few steps from the famous Japanese Bridge (the symbol of Hoian), the Little Hoian Boutique Hotel offers guests a superb location whether your pleasure be relaxing, touring, shopping, dining or simply exploring the two Unesco's World Heritage list: Hoian Ancient Town & My Son Holy Land.

Our 30 stylish rooms & suites are tastefully designed and decorated with a perfect blend between the Vietnamese lifestyle architecture and

Heritage influenced theme, to ensure the most comfortable and enjoyable stay. No matter how many times you come back to visit us, you can always experience something different.

**DAY 11
HOI AN**

February 24, 2015

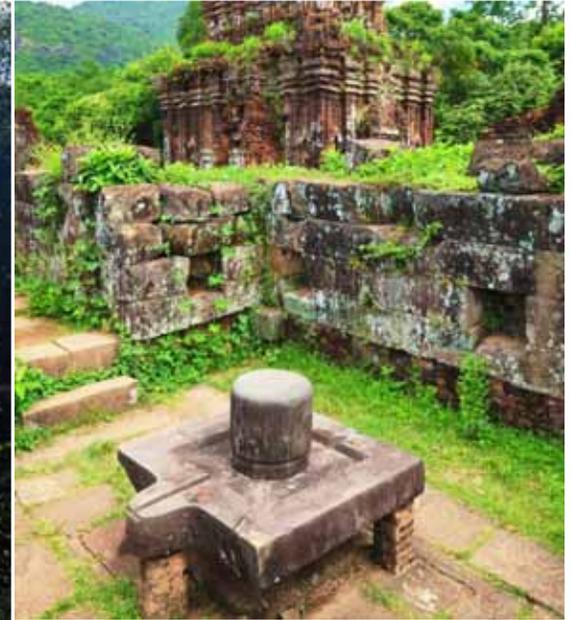
After breakfast, meet your guide and depart on a walking tour to discover the special charms of Hoi An. Visit Phung Hung Ancient House the Museum of Hoi An and the Kwan Kung Temple. Continue to the Japanese Covered Bridge, which was built in the 16th century. It has a Japanese pagoda on the

northern side, statues of two dogs at the western end, and two monkeys at the eastern end. Also visit the Hoi An Market, and the Workshop of Traditional Handicrafts.

Lunch is at the *Silk Village Restaurant* where not only will you enjoy the delicious dishes, but also learn about the process of making silk. After lunch the balance of the day is free on your own to continue exploring this ancient town.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch
OVERNIGHT: *Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa*

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MY SON RUINS

DAY 12
MY SON RUINS

February 25, 2015

Today after breakfast meet your guide and depart to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of My Son.

The complex of My Son will introduce you to the architecture of Cham Towers and Cham Sculptures. My Son is a holy Champa city, built in the 4th century, it was the Cham intellectual and religious center, and also served as a burial place for Cham monarchs.

The monuments here are set in a lush valley surrounded by hills and shadowed by the massive Cat's Tooth Mountain (Hon Quap).

Clear brooks run between the structures and past nearby coffee plantations. Most of the temples in My Son were dedicated to Cham kings more than 1,000 years ago.

Return to your hotel in the early afternoon with the balance of the day free at your leisure. Lounge by the pool or perhaps spend your time at the spa (spa not included).

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: *Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa*

DAY 13
HOI AN

February 26, 2015

This morning is free on your own to enjoy the beautiful pool facilities. Lunch will be arranged for you at the *Le Ba Truyen Restaurant*.

After lunch meet your guide and depart to visit a nearby village. Upon your arrival climb into a buffalo cart and relax on your journey through the countryside to a farm.

Join with local farmers to work in the fields performing traditional tasks such as raking soil, harrowing soil, transplanting rice and scooping water with the different scoopers.

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CAI BE TOWN

Learn how to make white rice from the rice seed which involves using a husking mill to grind, winnowing, pounding and sifting. Then grind the white rice to make wet flour and make rice cakes.

Before returning to your hotel in Hoi An enjoy Tam Huu and Fried Spring Rolls, snacks that are typical of this area. Back at the hotel, your evening is free at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: *Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa*

DAY 14

HOI AN / CAI BE

February 27, 2015

Today is an early check-out and transfer to the Danang Airport for your flight to Saigon. Bid a fond farewell to your guide.

DEPART DANANG: 9:05AM

FLIGHT: VIETNAM AIRLINES #107

ARRIVE SAIGON: 10:20AM

Upon arrival in Saigon meet your guide and embark on your adventure to Cai Be. A lunch break will be made en-route at the *Mekong Rest Stop*.

When you arrive in Cai Be, board a wooden boat and cruise to a local factory

where you will learn how rice paper, pop corn, pop rice and coconut candies are made. Sample the different products along with a cup of hot green tea.

Returning to the boat take an excursion to Dong Hoa Hiep Island to explore the beautiful and peaceful scenery together with the typical life of the region along the Mekong River.

Walk to a local village and examine their fruit gardens. Stop in a little family run Longan Processing Factory to learn about their operations and interact with them. Longen is a juicy fruit that is related to the lychee, it is also referred to as euphoria

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SAIGON

fruit and dragon fruit. In China longen has long been part of traditional tonics for anti-aging, heart health, improved eyesight and women's sexual health. Recently the longen has been referred to as a "superfood".

Meet other hardworking local people as you continue your walk arriving at an old Mandarin house that was built over one hundred years ago and where four generations of the same family have been living.

After your explorations board your wooden boat and travel to your resort in Cai Be for check-in and time to freshen up before dinner at the resort.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: Mekong Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa

Mekong Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa

Located in the famous "floating market" town of Cai Be and positioned directly on the Mekong River, guests are able to view and experience the local life of the Mekong Delta while enjoying all the unique amenities the resort has to offer.

The property has a 7-hectare organic garden that services the resort's Mekong Medley Restaurant, thus ensuring that only the freshest ingredients are offered to their guests during their visit. The menu offers an eclectic variety of customary Vietnamese and International Cuisine.

The river bungalow contains two separate rooms and is located directly on the Mekong River. You can literally sit on your balcony porch and watch the local river life.

DAY 15
CAI BE / SAIGON

February 28, 2014

After breakfast and check-out, meet your guide and depart to Cau Ke in the Tra Vinh Province. After some time to visit your father's casualty site continue back to Saigon. Lunch will be served the way at a local restaurant.

Upon arrival in Saigon check-in to the InterContinental Asiana Saigon hotel. Dinner tonight is arranged at the Indochine Restaurant.

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NHA TRANG

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
OVERNIGHT: *InterContinental Asiana Saigon*

**DAY 16 & 17
SAIGON**

March 1 & 2, 2015

Today your friends arrive. Please review the optional tour suggestions sent and let us know if you would like to add any of these to your itinerary.

MEALS: Breakfast
OVERNIGHT: *InterContinental Asiana Saigon*

**DAY 18
SAIGON - NHA TRANG March 3, 2015**

This morning privately transfer to the airport for your flight to Nha Trang.

DEPART SAIGON: 1:20PM
FLIGHT: VIETNAM AIRLINES #1362
ARRIVE NHA TRANG: 2:20PM

Upon arrival meet your guide in the Arrivals Hall and privately transfer to the hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast
OVERNIGHT: *InterContinental Nha Trang*

InterContinental Nha Trang

The ultimate enriching urban retreat in beautifully designed surroundings, InterContinental Nha Trang is a luxurious modern beachfront hotel. Located in the heart of Nha Trang, a mere 40-minute scenic drive from Cam Ranh International Airport, we offer the perfect blend of local charm and seamless personalized service. Be inspired and entertained by our exciting array of tastes, venues and authentic dining experiences at our restaurants and bars.

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LITTLE INDIA



GARDENS BY THE BAY SUPERTREES

DAY 19-25

NHA TRANG

March 4-10, 2015

These 7 days are at your leisure. Please review the optional tours sent separately and let us know if you would like to add any of these to your itinerary.

MEALS: Breakfast
OVERNIGHT: *InterContinental Nha Trang*

DAY 26

NHA TRANG / SINGAPORE

March 11, 2015

This morning after checking-out of the hotel privately transfer to the airport for your flight to Saigon.

DEPART NHA TRANG: 11:10AM
FLIGHT: VIETNAM AIRLINES #1357
ARRIVE SAIGON: 12:05PM

CHANGE PLANES

DEPART SAIGON: 4:15PM
FLIGHT: SINGAPORE AIRLINES #183
ARRIVE SINGAPORE: 7:25PM

Upon arrival in Singapore , clear customs and collect your luggage and make your way to the hotel at your own expense. The evening is free at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast
OVERNIGHT: *Holiday Inn Orchard City Centre (booked by Loreene)*

Holiday Inn Orchard City Center

A 25-minute ride from Changi Airport brings you to Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre, a peaceful retreat nestled in the city center. Located right in the heart of Singapore's shopping haven, Orchard Road, we are just a 5-min walk away from Somerset MRT.

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SINGAPORE AT NIGHT

DAY 27 - 29
SINGAPORE

March 12, 2015

These three days are at your leisure with your friends in Singapore. Make sure to visit the Gardens by the Bay, the SkyPark at Marina Bay Sands, Chinatown and Little India, Singapore Botanic Gardens, and the Bright Hill Temple.

OVERNIGHT: *Holiday Inn Orchard City Centre (booked by Loreene)*

DAY 30
SINGAPORE - LAX

March 15, 2015

This morning check-out of your hotel and make your way to the airport at your own expense.

DEPART SINGAPORE: 11:00AM
FLIGHT: KOREAN AIR #648
ARRIVE SEOUL: 6:25PM

CHANGE PLANES

DEPART SEOUL: 7:50PM
FLIGHT: KOREAN AIR #11
ARRIVE LAX: 2:50PM

WELCOME HOME!!!