



Vietnam Travel Promotion Group

Tuan Linh Travel Co., Ltd.

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VIETNAM TOUR PROMOTION 2011

Spend less for the same services as in a private tour, only **US\$1549** for 18-day tour along Vietnam. The only thing helps reduce the price of the tour is promotional purpose, our target is not profit but introducing, promoting our services, so you can enjoy the high quality services at a low expense. To ensure the quality of the tour the number of tourists in the group is limited to 16.

Whether you are traveling alone or in a small group, join us in this group tour. Enjoy and share your experience with others in exploring our long country that spreading over 15 latitudes.

Tour type : Group tour.

Need private summer vacation? Please contact us at mail@tuanlinhtravel.com

Duration : 18 days

Departure date : 09 and 16 September 2011

Tour departure/end : Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City

Highlights : Hanoi, Sapa, Bac Ha hill tribe market, Halong Bay, Hue former capital, Hoi An ancient town, Gong music, Elephant riding, Nha Trang, Da Lat, Ho Chi Minh trails, Cu Chi tunnels, Mekong delta

Group size : min 4, max 16 persons

Promotion price : US\$1549/person

Single supplement : US\$350 (Single room is not applied on trains, in Rong house)

BRIEF ITINERARY & SERVICES:

Day	Weekday	Itinerary	Transport	Hotel	Excursion included	Meal
1	Fri	Hanoi arrival		Luxor hotel		
2	Sat	Hanoi - Lao Cai	bus, train	Tourist train	HN city tour	BB, L
3	Sun	Lao Cai - Sapa	bus	Bamboo Sapa hotel	Bac Ha Market	B, L
4	Mon	Sapa - Hanoi	bus, train	Train	Local village	BB, L
5	Tue	Hanoi - Halong Bay	bus, boat	Bai Tho Junk	Halong cruising	B, L, D
6	Wed	Halong - Hanoi - Hue	bus, train	Train	Halong cruising	Brunch
7	Thu	Hue	bus	New Star hotel	Hue city tour	B, L
8	Fri	Hue - Hoi An	bus	Pho Hoi Riverside resort	Cham Museum, Marble Mountain	BB, L
9	Sat	Hoi An		Pho Hoi Riverside resort	Hoi An walking tour	BB
10	Sun	Hoi An - Kon Tum	bus	Rong house	Kon Kotu village	BB, L, D
11	Mon	Kon Tum	bus	Indochine Hotel	Local village	B, L
12	Tue	Kon Tum - Lak Lake	bus	Lak Resort	Elephant riding	B, L
13	Wed	Lak Lake - Nha Trang	bus	The Light hotel		B, L
14	Thu	Nha Trang - Da Lat	bus	Vietsov Petro hotel	Da Lat tour	BB, L
15	Fri	Da Lat - HCMC	bus	Sapphire hotel		BB, L
16	Sat	HCMC	bus	Sapphire hotel	Mekong tour	BB, L
17	Sun	HCMC	bus	Sapphire hotel	City tour, Cu Chi	BB, L
18	Mon	HCMC - tour end				BB

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ITINERARY

Day 1 (Fri): Hanoi (D)



Cyclo tour, Old Street Quarter, Hanoi

Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, is a stylish and gracious city which retains a unique old world charm and some Asia's most striking colonial architecture. There are many lakes and parks for relaxing and entertaining.

You can arrive at any time today as there are no activities planned but the welcome meeting (6:00PM). Your guide will leave a note at reception telling you about the meeting. Please ask hotel's receptionist for the information. After the meeting there will be an optional group dinner.

Overnight at Luxor hotel in Hanoi.

Day 2 (Sat): Hanoi City tour - Lao Cai (B, L)

After breakfast, we check out. And at about 8:30, start the full day city tour including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, One-Pillar Pagoda, and Uncle Ho's stilt house. Then continue with the Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest ones in Vietnam. In the afternoon we visit the Temple of Literature and take a walking tour to visit the Ngoc Son Temple on Hoan Kiem Lake and Hanoi's vibrant Old Quarter. In the late afternoon enjoy a Water Puppet show, before transferring to the train station to get on the train to Lao Cai.

Overnight on the train.



A water puppet show, Hanoi

Day 3 (Sun): Lao Cai – Bac Ha Market – Sapa (B, L)

We are welcomed by a local guide at Lao Cai train station and transferred by bus to Bac Ha Market. This market attracts a wide variety of ethnic minority groups including the variegated H'mong, Dao, Phula, Lachi and Tay. They still retain their old cultural traditions and are recognizably distinct from each other by their clothes. The experience of this tour is colorful and unique.

After visiting the market, we enjoy a walk around the area, visiting the H'mong King's former residence and Ban Pho where the villagers make the potent local maize alcohol.

Late afternoon, we drive to Sapa, a town in the middle of the clouds.

Overnight at Bamboo Sapa hotel.

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Day 4 (Mon): Sapa Trekking - Hanoi (B, L)

Breakfast then start walking down to the South-west of Sapa (around 4 km) to visit Cat Cat village of the Black H'mong. Relax at the foot of the stunning waterfall and the vestige of a hydroelectric power station that was constructed by the French during the colonial time in Vietnam. Enjoy picnic lunch by the side of the stream, and then next 6 km to Sin Chai, the village located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain, "the roof of Indochina". From here you can enjoy stunning landscapes before climbing up on the way back to Sapa. Late afternoon, transfer to Lao Cai station for dinner and the night train back to Hanoi.

Overnight on the train to Hanoi.



Rice terrace fields, Muong Hoa Valley

Day 5 (Tue): Hanoi - Halong Bay (B, L, D)

Arrive in Hanoi in the early morning. Have a light breakfast with Vietnamese food then transfer to



Halong Bay, the World Heritage

Halong Bay. On arrival, we embark on a boat for a fantastic cruise to explore the legendary Halong Bay. Views of the junk navigating past over 3,000 limestone islands and islets jutting out of the clear and emerald water of the bay are sort of spectacular. These limestone karst formations are littered with beaches, grottoes and beautiful caves. Along the way we will anchor for a leisurely swim in a secluded cove and an enjoyable visit to one of the many hidden grottoes beneath towering cliffs.

Overnight on board.

Day 6 (Wed): Halong Bay – Hanoi – Hue (Brunch)

Early risers can enjoy a morning swim in a quiet firth. Have a light breakfast and continue enjoy the cruise until time for a brunch at about 9:30 - 10:30. Check out and get on land, pick up and drive back Hanoi. Have dinner then take the night train to Hue at 19:00.

Overnight on train to Hue.

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Royal court, Hue imperial city

After breakfast transfer to Da Nang via the Hai Van Pass and through the picturesque fishing village of Lang Co. On arrival visit the Cham Museum and Marble Mountain (Ngu Hanh Son or the Mounts of Five Elements). Continue toward the riverside town of Hoi An, which was an important trading port during the 17th and 18th centuries and which nowadays, is officially listed as a world heritage site. Check in the hotel and have free time.

Overnight at Pho Hoi Riverside Resort.

Day 9 (Sat): Hoi An walking tour (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Then start a walking tour at 8:00 AM to visit the old structures of Hoi An ancient town: Japanese bridge, Tan Ky House, the Historical Museum and the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation. Afternoon is free for relaxation. You can have a swim at nearby Cua Dai Beach, browse for souvenirs or hire a bicycle to ride on the beach or to nearby peaceful villages.

Overnight at Pho Hoi Riverside Resort.

Day 10 (Sun): Hoi An - Kon Tum - Kon Kotu Village (B, L)



Day 7 (Thu): Hue (B, L)

Arrive in Hue at around 8:00 AM. Following a light breakfast with Hue's specialty - beef rice vermicelli (Bun Bo Hue), we have a tour of Hue and the surrounding area: the old Imperial Citadel, the Royal Fine Arts Museum, the Dong Ba market, the Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh.

Overnight at New Star hotel.

Day 8 (Fri): Hue – Da Nang - Hoi An (B)



Hoi An ancient town, the World heritage

After breakfast, we head on to Kon Tum on the historical route 14, part of the former Ho Chi Minh trails. Enjoy the off beaten- track excursion with isolated villages, historical sites along the road. Arrive Kon Tum, transfer to KonKoTu village for dinner and traditional gong music show of Bahnar tribe around a fire. Overnight in the village's Rong house.

Day 11 (Mon): Kon KoTu – Kon Tum (B, L, D)

Morning trek from Kong Klor suspension bridge to the Bahnar villages and wooden church

Following lunch, transfer to remote villages for the afternoon trek which offers rare experience about the hill tribe's daily life and traditions.

Dinner and overnight in Kon Tum/ Indochine hotel.

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Day 12 (Tue): Kon Tum – Pleiku – Buon Ma Thuot (B, L)

Drive southward along the 14 route to Buon Ma Thuot. Stop by volcanic T'Nung lake near Pleiku. Lunch in Buon Ma Thuot. Transfer to Lak lake for dinner and overnight.

Overnight at Lak Resort.



Day 13 (Wed): Buon Ma Thuot - Nha Trang (B, L)



Nha Trang beach, Nha Trang coastal city

Enjoy the morning on the tranquil Lak lake. After breakfast, ride the elephant cross Jun village for scenic lake- side village, farms and fields. Drive to Nha Trang.

Overnight at The Light hotel in Nha Trang.

Day 14 (Thu): Nha Trang – Da Lat (B, L)

Depart Nha Trang for Da Lat in the morning. Upon arrival, you will first visit Prenn waterfalls about 10km away from Da Lat on the way, then Tuyen Lam Reservoir, Truc Lam grandiose temple. Have lunch

and then take the horse cart round the hilly roads of Da Lat to the graceful Xuan Huong Lake in the centre of the city. In the evening, if you like to hike around, remember that coffee and cake in Da Lat are some of the best in Vietnam and easy to be found in any fine cafe.

Overnight at Vietso Petro hotel in Da Lat.

Day 15 (Fri): Da Lat - Ho Chi Minh City (B, L)

Departing Da Lat this morning, we head back down to sea level and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). It is around an 8-hour drive but it will be broken up with stops at some of the tea and coffee plantations and lunch at Dambri Falls. Arrival in Saigon will be late afternoon. Overnight at Sapphire hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.



Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

Day 16 (Sat): Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta (B, L)

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Tien Giang, one of the provinces of Mekong Delta. Arrive in My Tho City. Take a boat ride to visit Con Phung Island full of tropical fruit gardens. Enjoy the fruit and Mekong folk songs performed by local artists. Then visit the most ancient pagoda in Mekong Delta - Vinh Trang. Have lunch at Trung Luong restaurant with unique Elephant-Ear fish. Visit Dong Tam Snake Farm. Drive back to Saigon.

Overnight at Sapphire hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

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Day 17 (Sun): Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City (B)



Cu Chi tunnels

In the morning, drive north to Cu Chi where locates an admirable tunnel system left from the War against American troops. The Vietnamese guerillas made this to create sudden attacks to enemy and gained many advantages. Return to Ho Chi Minh City before noon.

In the afternoon, you are free to discover the city with many other interesting places of interests such as the Reunification Palace, Notredam Cathedral, the War Remnants Museum, History Museum as well as the Ben Thanh Market for shopping.

Overnight at Sapphire hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 18 (Mon): Ho Chi Minh City – departure (B)

End tour. Free time until your flight out of Vietnam. Airport transfer service is available upon advance request.

Inclusions:

- Accommodation at selected hotels (or similar standard), basing on twin sharing room (people of the same sex), or double room (advance request) with bed and breakfast. Overnight on board in Halong Bay, sharing 4–berth cabin on trains.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary. B: breakfast, BB: buffet breakfast, L: lunch and D: dinner.
- Private transfer with 29-seat bus for group up to 16 persons, 16-seat for group up to 7.
- Boat trip in Halong Bay and Mekong Delta.
- Local English speaking guide during your trip.
- Entrance fee at sight-seeing places in the itinerary.
- 1 bottle of mineral water and cool tissue per person per touring day.

Exclusions:

- International flight and airport departure tax.
- Travel insurance.
- Visa arrangement.
- Airport transfer.
- Money transfer/processing fee.
- Personal expenses: tips, telephone, beverage, laundry ...
- Others not mentioned in the inclusions.

NOTES:

In this group your companions maybe come from different countries with wide range of age groups. We ask you to have responsibilities to and for the benefit of the group. Please be on time and make sure that no one is waiting for you.

Although our tour is not hard, you need to be in good health to join the group. If tourists are unable to follow the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we keep the right to exclude them from the trip without refund. So you should study the itinerary thoroughly and self-assess your physical ability to complete the trip.

Accommodation:

This tour includes a range of accommodation, such as hotels with different room type or accommodation in overnight trains maybe interspersed, the guide will allocate the rooms at random. Triple room may be applied for the last 3 persons of the same sex.

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Transportation:

Please inform us your flight arrival details at least 10 days prior to your departure to use our air port pick-up service: US\$ 30 for 4-seat car; US\$ 35 for 7-seat; US\$ 37 for 16-seat van.

Our driver will meet you at arrival gate with meeting board showing your name. No refund is available for missed transfers or change the timetable of your flight. Any additional cost incurred in to meet up with your group is at your own expense.

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and not much clean. Sleeper carriage normally have 4 berths in a cabin. A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided. Sometimes, passengers of different genders have to share a cabin with people not in your group.

- We aim to develop local business so there are local drivers as well as tour guides in your trip.
- You may yourself carry your pack on and off trains and buses, up hotel steps, etc.

It is important to recognize that the standard of service in some areas, though improving, is not yet comparable to service standards in developed destinations.

Although we book all the services in advance, service supply is sometimes overbooked so a flexible and amicable approach from travelers is necessary and highly appreciated.

Some changes may occur in our itineraries due to inclement weather in Vietnam.

Meals:

To give you the maximum flexibility in choosing what, where and whom to eat with, not all meals are included in the itinerary. Your guide will suggest favorite restaurants during your trip.

Simple food is available on the train but tourists like to buy their food and water prior to departure.

Payment, tipping:

- Deposit 30% of total amount is required after confirmation of the booking (in which US\$ 100 is non-refundable for administration costs), the balance pay on arrival.

If the number of the tourists does not reach the minimum of 4 persons 60 days before departure date; we keep the right to cancel the tour and refund all the deposit.

- Cancellation policy:

Cancellation should be made as soon as possible in writing via email, fax. The date we receive the cancellation notice will determine the following cancellation fees (% of total amount):

- * 30 days before departure date: US\$100
- * 15 to 29 days before departure date: 50%
- * Within 14 days to departure date or no-show: 100%

All the fees for money transfer/processing will be customers' side.

- There is no refund if you choose not to participate in the included activities on our itinerary.
- If you are happy with the services provided a tip is highly appreciated. You should give the tip directly to the intended recipient: drivers, guides, porters, ...

Check list:

Travel documents: passport, visas, travel insurance certificate, air tickets.

- Cash, credit card and money pouch.
- Day pack to carry your personal needs during the day.
- Travel adapter.
- Sunscreen, hat and sunglasses.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Insect repellent.

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