



Best of Vietnam

18 January 2027 - 12 Days

TOUR REF: Viet27



Join us on one of our most popular tours to the Far East. This inclusive tour is fully escorted by a representative of Thompson Travel international and an experienced guide. From the South to North the bucket list stops are all here - Mekong Delta, Cu Chi Tunnels, Hoi An, Hanoi, Halong Bay and many more along the way!

Tour highlights:

- Hanoi
- Hoi An
- Da Nang
- Cu chi tunnels
- Ho Chi Minh City
- Saigon

Day 1 - 18 January 2027

Depart Dublin at 16:30 for overnight flight to Hanoi.

Day 2 - 19 January 2027 (D)

Hanoi Arrival

On arrival (approximately 15:30), you will be transferred to your hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to recover from your flight and enjoy the facilities of your 5* hotel.

This evening you will have dinner served at the hotel.



Day 3 - 20 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Hanoi City Tour - Cyclo Ride through Old Quarter

Visit the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum. Whilst here, you will learn about the man who led Vietnam's campaign for independence from French colonial rule. After dedicating his life to the liberation of his country from foreign rule, Ho Chi Minh died in 1969 and his body was preserved for posterity.



Visit the serene Temple of Literature, which is a little architectural gem, first university of Vietnam and was built in honour of the Chinese scholar Confucius. At almost 1,000 years old, it's one of the few remaining examples of traditional Vietnamese architecture still standing in Hanoi.

In the afternoon you will take a breezy cyclo ride through the Old Quarter's 36 streets, named for the products that were sold from their shops.

At the end of the day, our local guide will then take you to one of Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden cafe in Hoan Kiem Lake - Giang coffee. Whilst enjoying your coffee you can enjoy the hustle and bustle of the city centre below you.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.



Day 4 - 21 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Hanoi - Halong & Lan Ha Bay

This morning, you will be transferred by road to Halong Bay with your guide.

Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and possibly the most beautiful area in Vietnam. It features limestone karst hills that rise from the water forming around three thousand separate islands and islets. Bizarre rock sculptures jutting dramatically from the sea and numerous grottoes have created an enchanting, timeless world; the sails of the junk boats and sampans add further to the scenic beauty.

You will be transferred by speedboat/tender from Indochina Sails's Tuan Chau Pier to Indochine Cruise, enjoy welcome drink.

Lunch onboard

Enjoy an excursion to the Dark & Bright grotto (also known as Bat Cave). Some free time along the Bay to swim before attending a cooking lesson by the Head Chef onboard. Dinner and overnight onboard the cruise.



Day 5 - 22 January 2027 (B/BR/D)

Lan Ha Bay - Ha Long - Hanoi

06:15 Enjoy Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck before breakfast.
optional

07:15 Cruise crew takes guests to visit Trung Trang Cave on Cat Ba Island *optional*

09:00 Guests will have 30 minutes to freshen up and finish packing. Please collect all of your belongings from the cabins and leave heavy luggage outside the cabins.

09:30 Enjoy a Brunch in the restaurant. Bills are settled after Brunch. Relax on the sundeck or in the restaurant enjoying the bay scenery as we approach the pier.

11:00 Arrive at Indochina Sails's Pier at Tuan Chau Port.

11:30-12:00 Get on coach and transfer to Hanoi.

Upon arrival at Hanoi hotel, rest of the day at leisure.

Vietnamese set dinner at Home restaurant.



Day 6- 23 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Hanoi- Flight to Danang- Hoi An- Tra Que village & Hoi An ancient town

Today, you will be met in your hotel lobby and transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Danang.

Transfer and check in to hotel. This afternoon you will drive to Tra Que herb village. Take a short stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the history of the village. Then, join gardening activities in preparing the land, fertilising with seaweed, raking the ground, sowing, watering and picking vegetables... Enjoy a relaxing foot soak...



Take a late afternoon walk around the ancient streets of Hoi An, lined with Chinese trader's homes and wooden houses reincarnated as restaurants and cafes. Explore the beautiful 16th century Japanese Bridge. Hoi An's unique fusion of Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese architecture make this place truly special, and creates what is arguably Vietnam's most tourist-friendly town.

Overnight in Hoi An.



Day 7 - 24 January 2027 (B/D)

Hoi An - at leisure

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy a free day in Hoi An. keep things relaxed: wander the lantern-filled streets of Hoi An Ancient Town in the morning, grab local dishes like cao lầu, then rent a bike to explore nearby rice fields or head out to An Bang Beach for a chilled afternoon by the sea. As evening hits, stroll along the Thu Bon River for sunset and enjoy the magical atmosphere as the town lights up with lanterns.

Dinner at restaurant.

Overnight in Hoi An

Day 8 - 25 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Hoi An - Danang - flight to Saigon - City tour - Dinner Cruise

Today, you will be met in your hotel lobby and transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Saigon.

Lunch at Viet village restaurant.

Afternoon, explore Saigon and visit some of the important historical buildings including the Notre Dame cathedral. Then visit colonial-styled Central Post Office, one of the cities major landmarks.

At around 6pm, transfer to Bach Dang harbor to embark our Saigon Dinner Cruise. Saigon at night is a wonder to behold, and this dinner cruise on Saigon River is definitely a visual and gastronomic delight we cannot miss! Enjoy the lights of the city at night and disembark and transfer to hotel for overnight in Saigon.

Day 9 - 26 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Saigon - Cu Chi Tunnel

This morning, begin your journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels by travelling through the countryside which was once a stronghold of the Viet Cong. En route, you will stop to visit a local family making rice paper. Continue to the Cu Chi Tunnels.



Upon arrival, watch a short video about what life was like for the soldiers who lived there during the war. The cramped tunnels were central to a few of the war's strategic operations, including the famous 1968 Tet Offensive, and they didn't escape damage.

The tunnels served not only as living quarters, but as supply routes and hospitals for thousands of guerrilla fighters

Free time in the afternoon.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight in Saigon.



Day 10 - 27 January 2027 (B/L/D)

Saigon- Mekong Delta (Ben Tre)

This morning, you will be met and transferred for your day tour of the Mekong Delta. From Saigon you will head south to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta, famous for his coconut production. Sail on boat along the mangrove trees and witness the lively activities of the town market.



Stop at traditional brickwork to see how to make bricks by hand. Turn on Cai Son canal winding through coconut jungle, visit coconut workshop, have a look at the stages of coconut processing from husk off, prize out to peel by hand. Go on small waterway and stop at coconut candy workshop, have a look at them making candy by hand, try some sweets, enjoy some fruits and listen to local music as well.

Go on by boat and step ashore and take a short walk to a farmer's house who makes sleepmats. Hop on tuktuk through the coconut groves, deeping on coconut jungle journey in the country. Stop for lunch at local restaurant. Continue via rowing boat on shady palm tree canal.

Dinner and overnight in Saigon.



Day 11 - 28 January 2027 (B)

Saigon departure

At your leisure enjoy the whole day for your own discovery of Saigon. Late check out at 19:00. You will be met in your hotel lobby and transferred to the airport for your departing flight at 01.15am

Day 12 - 29 January 2027

Arrival in Dublin around 10am.



Pricing:

From £3,495 per person
From £3,975 sole occupancy (limited to 5 spaces)
£60 tips to be collected per person.

Price includes:

Return flights with Turkish Airlines (23kg luggage), Internal flights, Meals as specified (breakfast (B), lunch (L) & dinner (D), Entrance fees and activities as per itinerary, Services of a Thompson Travel International tour leader, Fully licensed local guide, Air-conditioned coach throughout, 5★ hotels throughout, Overnight stay on a luxury cruiser in Ha Long Bay

Not included:

Personal expenses, Travel insurance, Tips (£60 per person), Visa (if required)

Hotels: **Hanoi** - Peridot Grand, Luxury Boutique Hotel 5* / **Halong Bay** - Indochine Cruise, 5* / **Hoi An** - Hotel Royal Hoi An, 5* / **Saigon** - New World Saigon, 5*

Payment Plan

Deposit £400pp upon booking

3rd Payment £400pp by 26 June 2026

4th Payment £400pp by 26 August 2026

Balance by 26 October 2026

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