



Thu Bon River, Hoi An

vietnam panorama

18 days

FROM \$3,907 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE - 18 DAYS - FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM AUSTRALIA

From price includes: Tour Cost \$3,580, Airline Fuel Surcharge \$238 and Tipping \$89 (subject to change)

Our most popular tour travels overland from the south to central Vietnam and allows you to appreciate Vietnam's stunning scenery as it unfolds before your eyes.

Saigon is a city that did not escape the wrath of war; explore this history at the War Remnants Museum and the Cu Chi Tunnels. Experience life as a local; spend the night with a Vietnamese family in the Mekong Delta. Discover beautiful Dalat, an old French hill station. Relax as you cruise around the islands off the coast of Nha Trang and soak up the atmosphere in the picturesque town of Hoi An.

Travel over the spectacular Hai Van Pass to Hue where you explore the history of past emperors. Fly to Hanoi, where the streets of the Old Quarter are alive and bustling, then travel to Halong Bay for a relaxing cruise around the limestone islets.

This tour offers a panoramic insight into a magnificent country; you will not be disappointed.

inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in Vietnam, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, taxes and charges, Australia and Vietnam departure taxes and visas for Australian passport holders

price guide

✈ 18 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share
From \$3,907 per person - Departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth with Singapore Airlines
Adelaide passengers may require a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost. Contact reservations for details

🏠 Single Hotel Supplement - From \$585

🚗 Land Only (Saigon to Hanoi) - From \$3,069 (includes tipping)

★★ Medium Paced Tour (see pages 8-9)



DAY 1: AUSTRALIA TO SAIGON

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Saigon for a two-night stay.

DAY 2: SAIGON

Enjoy a city tour of Saigon today. Visit the Reunification Palace, War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Cholon (Chinatown), Binh Tay Wholesale Market and Thien Hau Pagoda. After stopping at Ben Thanh Market for some shopping, the remainder of the day is free at your leisure.

DAY 3: SAIGON TO MEKONG DELTA (HOME STAY IN CAN THO)

Travel south to the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' - the Mekong Delta. Take a boat trip along the river and through canals stopping to explore the area, visiting Thoi Son Island and Vinh Trang Pagoda. We spend the evening in the Mekong Delta province of Can Tho.

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA TO SAIGON

Today we continue our explorations along the Mekong River including a visit to Cai Rang Floating Markets before returning to Saigon.

DAY 5: SAIGON - CU CHI & TAY NINH

This morning we explore the famous Cu Chi Tunnels led by a Cu Chi War Veteran who lived in the tunnels for years during the Vietnam War. You will have the chance to climb through them, if you are feeling brave! We then head further west to Tay Ninh, where we experience the midday service at the head temple of the unique Cao Dai religion before returning to Saigon.

DAY 6: SAIGON TO DALAT

Today we drive north to Dalat, stopping en route at 'Chicken Village' where the Koho minority group live.

DAY 7: DALAT

This morning we visit Lat Village, situated at the base of Lang Bian Mountain. Later we see the Lake of Sighs and Truc Lam Pagoda. The afternoon is free at your leisure.

DAY 8: DALAT TO NHA TRANG

Travel through the breathtaking Ngoan Muc Pass to Nha Trang today. Upon arrival we cruise around the nearby islands visiting the Tri Nguyen Aquarium, Tam Island and a local fishing village.

DAY 9: NHA TRANG TO QUI NHON

We continue driving north today along Highway One to Qui Nhon, stopping en route at the Dam Market and Cham Po Nagar Towers.

DAY 10: QUI NHON TO HOI AN

Leaving Qui Nhon this morning we stop at Son My to pay homage to the victims of the My Lai Massacre before continuing to the town of Hoi An. This afternoon is free at your leisure; perhaps use the time to visit one of the many tailors in the town to have some clothing made.

DAY 11: HOI AN

Enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An, visiting the Japanese Covered Bridge, a local Chinese temple, Hoi An Market and an old merchant's home, where descendants of the original merchant still reside.

DAY 12: HOI AN

Today is free to visit the tailors or soak up the charming atmosphere of Hoi An at one of the many riverside cafés along the Thu Bon River.

DAY 13: HOI AN TO HUE

Leaving Hoi An, we visit Marble Mountains and China Beach before continuing over the Hai Van Pass to Hue. Take a cyclo ride to the Imperial Citadel and continue by coach to Thien Mu Pagoda from where we enjoy a boat trip on the Perfume River. This evening we partake in a cooking class focusing on select local dishes and cuisine.

DAY 14: HUE TO HANOI

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh this morning, before flying to Hanoi. This evening enjoy a performance of the famous Water Puppets, a specialty of the north.

DAY 15: HANOI

Our city tour today includes Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where we see the Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda. Afterwards we drive to the Temple of Literature and Hoan Kiem Lake. Later enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter.

DAY 16: HANOI - HALONG BAY

This morning we travel to the area that is regarded as the 'Jewel in the Crown of Vietnam' - Halong Bay. Relax as we cruise through spectacular scenery, including limestone islets and emerald waters. We enjoy lunch onboard before we return to Hanoi this afternoon.

DAY 17: DEPART HANOI

Enjoy a last minute shopping spree before boarding our overnight flight to Australia.

DAY 18: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive home this morning.

halong bay & hanoi extension:

DAY 16: HANOI TO HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong Bay where you may choose to leave the group and spend the night onboard a junk boat.

DAY 17: HALONG BAY TO HANOI

Continue cruising around the islets this morning before returning to Hanoi this afternoon.

DAY 18: DEPART HANOI

Enjoy a full day at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia.

DAY 19: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive home this morning.

departures

TOUR CODE	DEPART AUSTRALIA	ARRIVE AUSTRALIA	TWIN SHARE PRICE
2011			
WVP1102*	17 Jan	03 Feb	\$4,007
WVP1104*	31 Jan	17 Feb	\$4,007
WVP1106*	07 Feb	24 Feb	\$3,907
WVP1108	14 Feb	03 Mar	\$3,907
WVP1110	21 Feb	10 Mar	\$3,907
WVP1112	28 Feb	17 Mar	\$3,907
WVP1114	07 Mar	24 Mar	\$3,907
WVP1116	14 Mar	31 Mar	\$3,907
WVP1118	16 Mar	02 Apr	\$3,907
WVP1120	21 Mar	07 Apr	\$3,907
WVP1122	23 Mar	09 Apr	\$3,907
WVP1124	28 Mar	14 Apr	\$3,907
WVP1126	04 Apr	21 Apr	\$4,047
WVP1128	06 Apr	23 Apr	\$4,047
WVP1130	11 Apr	28 Apr	\$4,047
WVP1132	13 Apr	30 Apr	\$4,047
WVP1134	18 Apr	05 May	\$4,047
WVP1136	25 Apr	12 May	\$3,947
WVP1138	02 May	19 May	\$3,947
WVP1140	04 May	21 May	\$3,947
WVP1142	09 May	26 May	\$3,947
WVP1144	16 May	02 Jun	\$3,947
WVP1146	23 May	09 Jun	\$3,947
WVP1148	30 May	16 Jun	\$3,947
WVP1150	06 Jun	23 Jun	\$3,947
WVP1152	20 Jun	07 Jul	\$3,947
WVP1154	04 Jul	21 Jul	\$4,047
WVP1156	18 Jul	04 Aug	\$4,047
WVP1158	01 Aug	18 Aug	\$3,947
WVP1160	15 Aug	01 Sep	\$3,947
WVP1162	05 Sep	22 Sep	\$3,947
WVP1164	12 Sep	29 Sep	\$3,947
WVP1166	19 Sep	06 Oct	\$4,047
WVP1168	26 Sep	13 Oct	\$4,047
WVP1170	10 Oct	27 Oct	\$3,947
WVP1172	17 Oct	03 Nov	\$3,947
WVP1174	24 Oct	10 Nov	\$3,947
WVP1176	07 Nov	24 Nov	\$3,947
WVP1178	14 Nov	01 Dec	\$4,047
WVP1180	21 Nov	08 Dec	\$4,047
WVP1182	28 Nov	15 Dec	\$4,047

2012

WVP1202*	16 Jan	02 Feb	\$4,047
WVP1204*	30 Jan	16 Feb	\$4,047
WVP1206	06 Feb	23 Feb	\$3,947
WVP1208	13 Feb	01 Mar	\$3,947
WVP1210	20 Feb	08 Mar	\$3,947
WVP1212	27 Feb	15 Mar	\$3,947
WVP1214	05 Mar	22 Mar	\$3,947
WVP1216	12 Mar	29 Mar	\$3,947

Important note: Above prices include airline fuel surcharges and tipping of \$327 (correct as at 30 July 2010 and subject to change). Please note the tipping amount of US\$80 (AU\$89) is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

*Departure coincides with Tet New Year.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR HOLIDAY

Halong Bay & Hanoi Extension
 + Add From \$325 per person (twin share)
 + Add From \$530 per person (single person)
Singapore Hotels and Touring (see page 62)