Imperial Citadel, Hue

# vietnam escape

16 days

**FROM $3,556 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE - 16 DAYS - FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE**

*From price includes: Tour Cost $3,180, VN Fuel Surcharge $296 and Tipping $80 (subject to change)*

If you desire a holiday where you can relax, yet also experience a culture, cuisine and diverse scenery so unlike your own, then this is the tour for you.

Saigon, also referred to as Ho Chi Minh City, is a vibrant city offering a fascinating introduction to Vietnamese culture. Travel further north to the former French hill station of Dalat, where you will witness exquisite countryside.

Take some time to relax and swim in Nha Trang, Vietnam's premier beach destination. Continue to the quaint town of Hoi An, where you can relax by the riverside and learn to cook Vietnamese cuisine. Finish your tour in the north; visit Ho Chi Minh Complex in Hanoi and cruise around stunning Halong Bay.

For the curious and open-minded visitor, Vietnam offers a wealth of historical and natural treasures.

## inclusions

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

## price guide

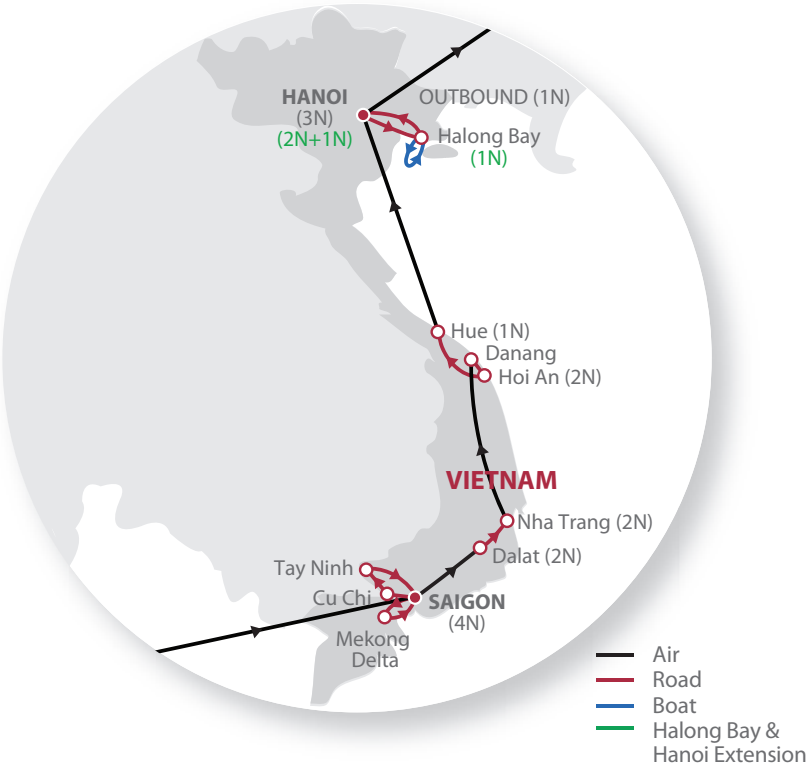
16 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share
**From $3,556 per person** – Departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)
**From $3,956 per person** – Departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)
**From $3,962 per person** – Departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)
**From $3,377 per person** – Departing Darwin* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

***Darwin passengers** may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Saigon and one night post-tour accommodation in Hanoi at an additional cost.

Single Hotel Room Option – From $540

Land Only (Saigon to Hanoi) – From $2,637 per person (includes tipping)

Comfortably Paced Tour (see page 9)



### DAY 1: AUSTRALIA TO SAIGON
Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon for a four night stay.

### DAY 2: SAIGON
Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office to view the French Colonial architecture. Learn more about the American War in Vietnam with a visit to the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. End the day at the lively Ben Thanh Market, where you can enjoy some shopping.

### DAY 3: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA
Travel to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta. Explore the river by boat, passing stilt houses and fish farms. Paddle through palm-lined canals in sampans and walk through villages, where you can sample local tea. Later this afternoon you will return to Saigon.

### DAY 4: SAIGON – CU CHI & TAY NINH
Explore the amazing network of the Cu Chi Tunnels led by a War Veteran who lived in the tunnels for years. Later, travel to Tay Ninh to experience the midday service at the head temple of the unique Cao Dai religion.

### DAY 5: SAIGON TO DALAT
Fly to Dalat and visit the peaceful Xuan Huong Lake.

### DAY 6: DALAT
Visit Domain de Marie Church, Da Thien flower and vegetable garden hamlet and an embroidery shop. After lunch visit the former railway station and take an open-air train ride to Trai Mat Hamlet enjoying the serene views of the Dalat Plateau. End the day strolling through the Dalat Market.

### DAY 7: DALAT TO NHA TRANG
Travel to the coastal town of Nha Trang, the capital of Khanh Hoa Province.

### DAY 8: NHA TRANG
Enjoy a boat trip to the nearby islands off the coast of Nha Trang, where you can go for a swim. This afternoon return to Nha Trang.

### DAY 9: NHA TRANG TO HOI AN
Fly to Danang and travel to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An. Upon arrival tour the charming town of Hoi An on foot, visiting the vibrant Hoi An Market, a local Chinese temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge.

### DAY 10: HOI AN
Visit a market to purchase fresh ingredients, then travel along the river to the Red Bridge Restaurant for a cooking class.

### DAY 11: HOI AN TO HUE
Head north over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hue. Take a cyclo to the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise along the Perfume River.

### DAY 12: HUE TO HANOI
This morning explore the UNESCO World Heritage listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang before your flight to Hanoi.

### DAY 13: HANOI
Visit Ho Chi Minh Complex to see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed Sep-Dec), Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda. Visit the Temple of Literature and the bustling Old Quarter. This evening watch the famous Water Puppets perfomance.

### DAY 14: HANOI – HALONG BAY
Travel to Halong Bay and board a junk boat for a relaxing cruise around the limestone islets and through the emerald waters. After lunch on board, travel back to Hanoi.

### DAY 15: DEPART HANOI
This morning is free at your leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

### DAY 16: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA
Arrive home today.

## halong bay & hanoi extension:

### DAY 14: HANOI TO HALONG BAY
Travel to Halong Bay where you will leave the group and spend the night on board a junk boat cruising through the emerald waters.

### DAY 15: HALONG BAY TO HANOI
Continue cruising around the limestone islets before returning to Hanoi this afternoon.

### DAY 16: DEPART HANOI
This morning is free at your leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

### DAY 17: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA
Arrive home today.

Canal, Mekong Delta

## departures

| TOUR CODE | DEPART AUSTRALIA | ARRIVE AUSTRALIA | VN TWIN SHARE |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2013** | | | |
| VVE1302# | 08 Feb | 23 Feb | $3,706 |
| VVE1303 | 22 Feb | 09 Mar | $3,556 |
| VVE1304 | 15 Mar | 30 Mar | $3,556 |
| VVE1306 | 05 Apr | 20 Apr | $3,706 |
| VVE1308 | 16 Aug | 31 Aug | $3,556 |
| VVE1310 | 13 Sep | 28 Sep | $3,556 |
| VVE1312 | 11 Oct | 26 Oct | $3,556 |
| VVE1314 | 15 Nov | 30 Nov | $3,626 |
| **2014** | | | |
| VVE1402 | 07 Feb | 22 Feb | $3,776 |
| VVE1404 | 21 Feb | 08 Mar | $3,626 |
| VVE1406 | 14 Mar | 29 Mar | $3,626 |

**Important note:**
**VN** – Price includes airline fuel surcharge of $296 and tipping of $80 (correct as at 19 July 2012 and subject to change). Please note the tipping amount of US$80 (AU$80) is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

**SQ** – Perth and Darwin passengers – price on page 28 includes airline fuel surcharge of $332 and tipping of $80 (correct as at 19 July 2012 and subject to change). Please note the tipping amount of US$80 (AU$80) is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

# Departure coincides with Tet.

### HALONG BAY & HANOI EXTENSION
+ Add From $300 per person (twin share)
+ Add From $590 (single traveller)
Tipping for this extension is at your own discretion.

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