

Earthbound Expeditions

Vietnam Escape

7 days, from US$689 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
7 days	**15 people**	**Vietnam**

Vietnam Escape Overview

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The Vietnam Escape Tour gives you many opportunities to experience the natural and cultural beauty of Vietnam and to meet local people as you travel from the north to the south of the country, visiting its main sights. You explore the streets of Hanoi, cruise on Halong Bay, shop and walk around Hoi An, visit Ho Chi Minh City, take an excursion to the Mekong Delta and explore the Cu Chi Tunnels.

The trip begins with a flight to Hanoi, known as the Paris of the East, with its tree-lined avenues, more than two dozen lakes and thousands of French colonial buildings. The city is easy to explore on foot and is known for the streets of its old quarter, its food, its nightlife, its lagoons, silks and handicrafts, its museums and its multicultural communities. The tour then takes you to Halong Bay in Quang Ninh province, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the most visited destination in northern Vietnam.

The journey continues to Ho Chi Minh City, where you explore Chinatown, the Thien Hau Pagoda, the Opera House and the Hôtel de Ville. From here you take a boat trip in the Mekong Delta, known for its tropical fruit and vegetation. The tour ends with an excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels on the last day.

If you would like a holiday where you can relax and also experience the culture, food and varied scenery of Vietnam, the 'Vietnam Escape Tour' is a good choice.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Hanoi

On arrival at Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport, our guide meets you and transfers you to your hotel. In the evening there is a welcome dinner followed by a water puppet performance. Overnight in Hanoi.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Hanoi city tour

You begin in Hanoi, Vietnam's artistic and intellectual capital. You explore the Old Quarter and its hundreds of specialist shops selling silk clothing, lacquerware, embroidered linen, furniture, bamboo, cooking utensils, ceremonial objects and more. You can also buy modern art in the city's many galleries. You visit Hanoi's main cultural sights, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's stilt house, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Fine Arts Museum and the Temple of Literature. Overnight in Hanoi.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 3–4 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Halong Bay day trip from Hanoi

We meet you at your hotel at 7:00 am and drive to Halong City, which takes approximately 4 hours. In Halong City you board your boat for a four-hour cruise around the bay, stopping to visit one of the finest limestone caves in the area. During the cruise, the boat staff serve a local seafood lunch. You then cruise back to the harbour and return to your hotel in Hanoi for the night.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4

Travel from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City

You travel to Ho Chi Minh City in the morning. In the afternoon you have a private tour of the country's commercial centre, which has a growing number of high-end restaurants and shops. You visit Chinatown, the Thien Hau Pagoda, the Reunification Palace, the Opera House and the Hôtel de Ville. We also recommend a visit to the War Remnants Museum. You walk along the city's main shopping boulevard, with its fashion boutiques, hill tribe crafts, high-quality linen and homeware. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Mekong Delta day trip from Ho Chi Minh City

The Mekong Delta is the southernmost region of Vietnam and is often called the rice bowl of Vietnam, as it produces three rice crops a year. The fertile delta is also known for its tropical fruit and flowers. You leave Ho Chi Minh City for My Tho, where you board a private boat and travel along the canals through green vegetation to an orchard. Lunch is served at a local restaurant in the heart of the Mekong, with tropical fruit. You also visit the Dong Tam snake farm, which breeds snakes for purposes that include snake wine. You then return to Ho Chi Minh City for the night.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6

Cu Chi Tunnels half-day trip

In the morning you take a half-day private excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels, which consist of more than 200 km of underground tunnels. The main system has many branches connecting underground hideouts, shelters and entrances to other tunnels. The network included many trapdoors, purpose-built living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centres and kitchens. The remaining tunnels are now a major visitor attraction and show what underground life was like during the Vietnam War. You spend the afternoon and the night in Ho Chi Minh City.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Departure from Ho Chi Minh City

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to shop for souvenirs until your transfer to the Ho Chi Minh City airport for your departure flight.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Private door-to-door pick-up and drop-off
- All private transport
- Accommodation in shared double or twin rooms with daily breakfast
- Experienced English-speaking guide
- Private boat trip as listed in the itinerary
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (B: breakfast; L: lunch; D: dinner)
- All sightseeing tickets
- Tissues and water on the coach
- Service charges and government tax
- A single dedicated contact for your booking

- No extra charges after your services are confirmed
- 24-hour hotline support, 7 days a week

Not included

- International and domestic flights and departure taxes
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Drinks
- Peak season or public holiday surcharges, if any
- Compulsory gala dinner at Christmas or New Year, if any
- Vietnam visa stamp fee (US$ 45 and 1 passport photo per person)
- Other services not listed above

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