



# Vietnam: Past and Present



All GTC tours emphasize the destination culture and people, but Vietnam's culture is so different from the West that this trip will truly be an experience of a lifetime. Vietnam is a combination of the unique and must-see. The Cao Dai Temple, for example, is an architectural feast for the eyes. The One Pillar Pagoda combines history, unique architecture and an enchanting myth—something to captivate everyone! The Vietnamese are hospitable, optimistic, and genuinely delighted to meet Americans. Now is the time to visit Vietnam, a country in transition, as it looks to its bright future.

## UNIQUE & MUST-SEE

- Boat through Can Tho's floating market
- Visit the incredible Holy See Cao Dai Temple
- Learn about the little-known kingdom of Champa
- Stroll the old quarters of Hanoi and Hoi An
- Tour the Unification Palace and War Remnant Museum
- Cruise the Halong Bay—home to 1,600 islands



**Elevation:** LESS THAN 1,000 FT

**Temperature:** FEB-MAR 60°-75° F

## 11 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS

DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	QUAD	CHILD
\$1,499	\$1,699	\$1,199	\$NA	\$1,399

Children under 18 must be booked in a room with at least one adult. All gratuities and intra-airfares are included. Domestic airfare and departure taxes are additional. Please inquire about pre- and post-extensions. Travel insurance is recommended.

**B,L,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Call your travel professional, or GTC at 1-888-415-9100

**DAY 1 — WELCOME TO HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC).** Arrive Tan Son Nhat Airport and transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, take a short tour of the city, visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, the Post Office and other notable landmarks. Enjoy a welcome dinner and meet your GTC guide. D

**DAY 2 — HCMC TOUR AND CAN THO.** The city tour continues with stops at the War Remnant Museum and Unification Palace (former Presidential Palace). After lunch, head to Can Tho and the Mekong Delta. B,L,D

**DAY 3 — FLOATING MARKET AND A BOAT RIDE ON THE DELTA.** This morning, visit the Can Tho Floating Market. Afterward, head into one of the tributaries of the Mekong River—Vietnam's "Rice Bowl," and a backdrop for war-era conflicts. Visit a local school. Return to HCMC for dinner and a good evening's rest. B,L,D

**DAY 4 — CAO DAI TEMPLE AND AN UNDERGROUND CITY.** Our first stop is the visually exotic Holy See Cao Dai Temple, where we attend a ceremony. In the afternoon we visit the Cu Chi Tunnels and explore the incredible underground city built by the Vietcong. B,L,D

**DAY 5 — DANANG AND HOI AN.** Transfer to Tan Son Nhat airport for Danang. After lunch it's on to Hoi An for a short walking tour of the Old Quarter. The rest of the afternoon is free time to explore on your own, or relax in the pool. Enjoy a traditional theatre performance in the evening. B,L,D

**DAY 6 — FREE TIME IN HOI AN.** Today is free time to explore Hoi An. Start with an early morning trip to the seafood market. Later, rent a bicycle and ride to Cua Dai Beach or discover the cooperative farming area around Hoi An. Dine on your own this evening! B,L

**DAY 7 — CHAM MUSEUM AND COUNTRYSIDE.** Today, visit the Cham museum and learn about the little-known kingdom of Champa. After lunch, transfer to the Danang railway station for our overnight trip to Hanoi. This is a great chance to see the countryside and travel on the train. B,L,D

**DAY 8 — HISTORIC HANOI.** Transfer to our Hanoi hotel, rest and enjoy some free time. After lunch, visit Hanoi's fascinating Old Quarter. This evening, attend a traditional puppet performance. B,L,D



**DAY 9 — MUSEUMS, ARCHITECTURE AND NATURE.** Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the One Pillar Pagoda, built in 1049. Afterward, visit a local school. This afternoon, see one of the great natural wonders of Asia, Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. B,L,D

**DAY 10 — HALONG.** Cruise the Halong Bay, home to 1,600 islands and islets of exotic shapes—many with grottos and caves. Return to Hanoi for a farewell dinner and a chance to reflect on our Vietnam adventure. B,L,D

**DAY 11 — FAREWELL!** Thank you for joining us on our Vietnam: Past and Present adventure. B

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