

# THE WAY TO TRAVEL & '2' WAY TRAVEL

ADVENTURE GROUP TOURS THAT GIVE BACK

## WAY TO TRAVEL DISCOVER VIETNAM 13 - 17 DAYS

## THE TRIP

Experience the very best of Vietnam but with a difference. You'll not only be on an adventure of a lifetime in some of Vietnam's most beautiful destinations, learning about a fascinating new culture & visiting world famous heritage sites... but you'll be making a difference and changing lives while you're at it. From an overnight cruise in one of the 7 natural wonders of the world, sleeping in bamboo bungalows in the countryside, learning to cook like a local to mucking in as a team on our community giving back project... we promise you 13 or 17 unforgettable days of fun, laughter, sweat and tears, all with a bunch of new travel friends for life.



## WHO'S THIS FOR?

Are you 18 - whatever years old? OK!? You've passed the first step to knowing if this could be for you. Come alone, bring a friend, drag your loved one, persuade your nan or force a reunion... everything goes! If you've got an open mind, a kind heart, a karaoke song at the ready and you love an adventure then this is for you.







## **ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1 - AIRPORT PICKUP & WELCOME DINNER**

Xin Chao (Hello) Hanoi. This is it then, the starting point! We know that you'll be excited, nervous, apprehensive or all three... So to help ease you into life here in Vietnam, our experienced team of guides will collect you at the airport and transfer you to our first hotel. Relax, freshen up and meet your new travel family before we take you to one of our favourite spots for dinner. We may even stop off for a local beer or two on what's known as... beer street. That should set you up well for this epic adventure.

#### Day 2 - EXPLORE HANOI & WATER PUPPET SHOW

We'll kick today off with an informative orientation so that you can get your bearings and find out about all the activities, rules of the road and what we have planned for you along the way. It's time to head into town for a walking tour... we'll visit local markets, the famous Hoan Kiem Lake, Bamboo street and take you down hidden alleyways that only the locals know their way around. Finish the day at a cultural water puppet show before we sit down for an included local buffet... YUM!

#### **Day 3 - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE**

Goodbye to the hustle and bustle of the crazy capital and welcome to Vietnam's extraordinary Ha Long Bay. After jumping onboard our traditional junk boat, we'll cruise through the iconic emerald waters dotted with thousands of towering limestone cliffs. The afternoon will be spent kayaking, swimming and relaxing on the beach before the drinks get flowing for happy hour cocktails on the top deck for sunset... How does that sound?

#### **Day 4 - NINH BINH BAMBOO BUNGALOWS**

This morning will be all about the Tai Chi if you're an early bird. After breakfast hop on some row boats to explore the fishing villages and learn how the locals live on the water. Before we head back to the mainland we'll help the crew prepare lunch with a spring roll making demonstration... time to get your hands messy. That afternoon we'll make our way to Ninh Binh, check into our unique bamboo bungalows and relax by the pool before indulging in a home made dinner that's not to be missed.

#### Day 5 - RICE FIELDS, RIVER CRUISE & OVERNIGHT TRAIN

Did you know that the Hollywood blockbuster King Kong was filmed here? Well, you do now and for good reason! This place is simply stunning... So let's grab a bicycle and get lost (not literally) in Vietnam's beautiful countryside and rice fields. If you're up for an adventure then let's hike to the top of Dragon Laying Viewpoint and take another journey by row boats to discover rivers through caves. Chu Chu... that's right, it's time for the overnight train!

#### Day 6 - HELLO HUE & THE IMPERIAL CITADEL

Welcome to Hue, the old capital of Vietnam and your home for next 4 nights. After checking in, freshening up and having a good breakfast after the overnight train, we'll show you the best of this incredible city before we get stuck into out volunteer project the next day. Take a ride in a 3 wheeled rickshaw, explore the famous Imperial Citadel, visit the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise back to your hotel for sunset by dragon boat.

#### Day 7 to 9 - OUR GIVING BACK PROJECT

It's that time! It's time to give something back because that's what we do best! Working alongside one of the top NGOs in Hue, your three days on project will have you rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty. Community development is something Way To Travel loves to support and such projects include: building toilets for families, building sustainable chicken farms and pens, and educating the community on how to provide food and a steady income for the future.

#### Day 10 - THE HAI VAN PASS TO HOI AN

Making our way to the historic Hoi An today, we'll travel down the famous Hai Van Pass - a scenic, winding road with panoramic views. If the weather's kind to us, we'll stop at a secluded waterfall and a beautiful lagoon for lunch with a view. Arrive in our boutique hotel with a swimming pool only 5 minutes walk to the heart of Hoi An... the lantern town.

#### **Day 11 - BASKET BOATS & COOKING CLASS**

Start the day with a gentle cruise by boat to take you to the coconut kingdom. After paddling our way through the coconut groves in bamboo baskets we'll take a short trip in electric cars to the Tra Qua Vegetable Village. It's time for one of our highlights on the trip, as we take a traditional cooking class that will have you whipping up delicious Vietnamese food in no time.

#### Day 12 - FREE DAY IN HOI AN

This is your day! The Hoi An old quarter is packed full of pretty yellow buildings, boutiques, tailor shops, and quaint little coffee shops for you to explore. We've got lots of options of things to do on your free day: Cycle down to An Bang beach, learn to make your own lantern or we can even arrange a trip to the world famous golden hand bridge in Da Nang. That evening we'll all get together for a final group meal for those of you not joining us on the 5 Day Bolt On to the south.

#### Day 13 - CHECKOUT DAY

That's it! It's time to say bye-bye. Our team will be there to help you to arrange any transport you might need, be it back to the airport or wherever you're heading. One final group photo? Oh, go on then!

## +5 DAY IN THE SOUTH

#### Day 13 - FLIGHT TO SAIGON (HO CHI MINH)

That's it! It's time to say bye-bye to some of you on the shorter trip. We will be there to help you arrange any transport you might need, be it back to the airport or wherever you're heading next. Those of you lucky enough to be spending more time with us, will be taking a short domestic flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh).

#### **Day 14 - CU CHI TUNNELS**

For those of you with an inner history-geek and let's be honest, we all do! Today will see each of you guided through one of the most important pieces of Viet Cong infrastructure during the infamous US - Vietnamese War. Once a near impossible fortress to penetrate, the Cu Chi Tunnels are now open to tourists to see. This underground base-camp and transportation network is truly something not to be missed. After a busy day you'll have no doubt built an appetite for thirst, so let's go for a bite to eat and a few cold beers.

#### **Day 15 - MEKONG HOMESTAY**

Wave goodbye to the concrete jungle that is Saigon and say hello to the green rice fields, mangroves and stunning landscapes of the Mekong. Today is as local as it gets with our authentic homestay experience. You'll be greeted by the heart warming local family who'll have your lunch ready for when you arrive. Pick your own coconuts and learn to make traditional cakes before an experience you'll never forget... fishing like a local! You may get a little dirty as you attempt to catch catfish with your bare hands.

#### Day 16 - LIFE IN THE MEKONG & BACK TO SAIGON

You're time in the Mekong isn't up yet. The last river cruise we promise... but this time we will be taking multiple stops to show you how the locals make a living in the area. A candy factory, a honey farm and a brick factory (much more interesting than it sounds) are just a few of the places we'll check out. We'll have to drag you away from paradise now to head back to Saigon for our last night where we've got a lovely included farewell dinner waiting for you.

#### Day 17 - CHECKOUT DAY

That's it, it really is over now so it's time to say goodbye to your travel family. Our guides will be around if you need any help with your onward travel plans. We know you'll have had the most incredible time on this journey, safe travels!

## THE DETAILS

Activities: Hanoi Walking Tour, Rickshaw Ride, Water Pupper Show, Ha Long Cruise, Kayaking Ha

Long, Sunrise Tai Chi, Ninh Binh Bicycle Tour, Tam Coc River Cruise, Dragon Boat Cruise, Bamboo Basket Boats, Local Cooking Class, Farming Experience, Saigon Walking Tour, Cu

Chi Tunnels Tour, Mekong Homestay, Mekong River Cruise, Mud Fishing

**Transport:** Airport Pick Up, Private Bus, Public Overnight Train, Electric Car, Public Domestic Flight.

**Not Included:** Flights to and from Vietnam, Visas & Vaccinations, Travel Insurance, spending

money, other meals, drinks.

## WHERE WE STAY

Hanoi Hotel x 2 nights, Ha Long Overnight Cruise x 1 night, Ninh Binh Bungalows x 1 night, Overnight Train x 1 night, Hue Hotel x 4 nights & Hoi An Hotel x 3 nights.

+5 Day in The South - Saigon (Ho Chi Minh) Hotel x 3 nights & Mekong Homestay 1 night.

#### Twin/ Double Share

You'll be sharing with 1 other person of the same sex. If you would prefer your own room you can upgrade to a private room for \$500 (13 days)/ \$600 (17 days).









### HANOL

Bonjour D'An Nam Hotel No 32 Dao Duy Tu Str, Hoan Kiem Dist, Hà Nội, 10000







## **SO WHAT'S NEXT?**

If you're ready to join us in Vietnam for the adventure of a lifetime and an opportunity to give back ther head back to the website to find out more... trust use there's no better 'Way To' travel.

