

# Vietnam Culinary Journey & Island Escape – 11 Days

**11D / 10N**

Duration

**Easy**

Difficulty

**Group**

Tour Type

**USD 1,599 / pax**

Starting From

Explore Vietnam's rich culinary traditions and stunning coastal landscapes on this 11-day adventure. From Hanoi's street food to Hoi An's cooking classes and the serene beaches of Phu Quoc, experience a perfect blend of cultural immersion and relaxation.

## DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Ha Long → Da Nang → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City → Phu Quoc

## TOUR OVERVIEW

### Overview: A Taste of Vietnam's Best

This comprehensive 11-day tour invites you to discover the diverse flavors and breathtaking scenery of Vietnam. Beginning in the historic capital of Hanoi, you'll delve into its vibrant street food culture and ancient landmarks. The journey continues with an unforgettable overnight cruise through the karst seascape of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Moving south, experience the charm of Hoi An with hands-on cooking classes and a street food exploration. The adventure culminates with a relaxing escape to Phu Quoc Island, known for its pristine beaches and tranquil atmosphere. This itinerary offers a balanced mix of guided cultural experiences and opportunities for personal leisure.

### Tour Highlights

Savor authentic Vietnamese street food on a guided walking tour through Hanoi's Old Quarter.

Experience an overnight luxury cruise on the emerald waters of Halong Bay, complete with kayaking and cave exploration.

Participate in a hands-on cooking class in Hoi An, learning to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes.

Explore the ancient town of Hoi An with its unique architecture and bustling local markets.

Discover Ho Chi Minh City's historical landmarks and vibrant urban life, including a visit to the War Remnants Museum.

Engage in a rural farming and cooking experience at HCM Agricultural Villages.

Unwind on the beautiful, sun-kissed beaches of Phu Quoc Island, enjoying swimming and snorkeling.

Travel comfortably with domestic flights connecting key destinations across Vietnam.

### Route Summary

The journey begins in the northern capital of Hanoi, followed by an excursion to the iconic Halong Bay. From there, you'll fly south to Da Nang, transferring to the charming town of Hoi An. The tour then continues with a flight to the bustling Ho Chi Minh City before concluding with a relaxing stay on Phu Quoc Island, with a final flight back to Ho Chi Minh City for departure.

### Who This Tour Suits

This itinerary is ideal for seniors, couples, and honeymooners seeking a blend of cultural exploration, gastronomic delights, and serene beach relaxation. It caters to those who appreciate authentic local interactions and a flexible private tour experience.

### Practical Information

Accommodation includes 8 nights in hotels and 1 night aboard a Halong Bay cruise. All transfers are provided in air-conditioned vehicles, and domestic flights are included between major cities to ensure efficient travel. Meals as specified in the itinerary are covered, offering a taste of local cuisine throughout your trip.

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1

#### Hanoi Arrival and Old Quarter Exploration

Meals: Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a local guide will welcome you and arrange your transfer to your hotel in Hanoi. After completing the check-in process, you will have free time to settle in and relax. In the afternoon, you might choose to independently explore the historic Old Quarter, known for its narrow streets and traditional architecture. Alternatively, take a leisurely stroll around the picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake, observing local life and perhaps sampling some street snacks.

**Activities:** Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport; Transfer to hotel; Check-in; Explore Hanoi Old Quarter; Walk around Hoan Kiem Lake.

### Day 2

#### Hanoi Motorbike City Tour & Historical Sites

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Following breakfast, meet your guide at the hotel for an immersive motorbike tour of Hanoi, offering a unique perspective on the city's enduring culture and history. Your journey will include a visit to the historic Long Bien Bridge, where you can admire the views, and crossing the Chuong Duong Bridge, a significant Vietnamese engineering feat. Continue to the Hanoi Opera House, showcasing early 20th-century French colonial architecture.

**Activities:** Motorbike tour of Hanoi; Visit Long Bien Bridge; Cross Chuong Duong Bridge; See Hanoi Opera House; Visit Hoan Kiem Lake; Explore St. Joseph's Cathedral; Tour Hoa Lo Prison; Visit West Lake; See Tran Quoc Pagoda; Observe Huu Tiep Lake and the B52 wreckage; Experience a local market; View Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum from outside; Enjoy authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

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#### Halong Bay Cruise & Evening Activities

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After breakfast and packing your luggage, a driver will transfer you to Halong Bay for a captivating two-day cruise. Upon arrival at the pier, you will be warmly welcomed aboard your vessel with a refreshing drink. A delicious seafood lunch will be served as you begin sailing through the stunning landscape of thousands of limestone islands rising from the clear waters.

**Activities:** Transfer to Halong Bay; Board cruise; Enjoy welcome drink; Have seafood lunch; Visit a cave; Go kayaking or swimming; Attend a sunset party; Join a Vietnamese cooking class; Enjoy dinner on board; Participate in night activities like squid fishing or card games.

**Day 4****Halong Bay Sunrise, Tai Chi & Hoi An Arrival**

*Meals: Breakfast, Brunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An*

Start your day with an invigorating Tai-chi lesson on the deck as you witness a magnificent sunrise over the bay. Following breakfast with tea and desserts, the cruise will navigate to explore additional caves, offering a final opportunity for sightseeing, kayaking, or swimming. Brunch will be served on the return journey to the main dock.

**Activities:** Practice Tai-chi; Witness sunrise; Have breakfast; Explore more caves; Go kayaking or swimming; Enjoy brunch; Transfer to Hanoi airport; Fly to Da Nang; Transfer to hotel in Hoi An; Check-in and relax.

**Day 5****Hoi An Countryside Cooking & Ancient Town Food Walk**

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An*

Your guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel to begin a trip exploring the Hoi An countryside. You'll stop at a local market to experience the vibrant daily life of the community. Afterward, take a traditional round bamboo boat to Cam Thanh fishing village, where you can observe local fishermen and paddle through the green coconut forest waterways, catching purple crabs and capturing scenic photos.

**Activities:** Visit a local market; Take a bamboo boat ride to Cam Thanh fishing village; Participate in a cooking class; Enjoy self-cooked lunch; Join a street food tour in Hoi An Ancient Town; Sample local dishes like Bun Cha Ta, Banh Mi, Steamed Dumplings, Cao Lau, Quang Noodles, White Rose Dumplings, Fried Wontons; Taste desserts like crème caramel, Che Chuo, and sponge cake.

**Day 6****Hoi An Leisure & Ho Chi Minh City Transfer**

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh*

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel, allowing for some free time to savor your last moments in the charming town of Hoi An. Later, you will be transferred to Da Nang Airport to board your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon landing at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, a driver will be waiting to provide a transfer to your hotel in the city center. After checking in, the rest of the day is yours to independently explore the city, renowned for its dynamic atmosphere and lively nightlife.

**Activities:** Enjoy free time in Hoi An; Transfer to Da Nang Airport; Fly to Ho Chi Minh City; Transfer to hotel; Check-in; Explore Ho Chi Minh City at leisure.

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**Day 7****Ho Chi Minh Farming, Cooking & City Landmarks***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh*

Begin your day with a transfer to HCM Agricultural Villages for an engaging farming tour. You'll walk through various areas dedicated to cows, buffalos, fish, prawns, chickens, and ducks. Explore the extensive gardens featuring herbs, spices, vegetables, and mushrooms, where you'll have the chance to become a real Vietnamese farmer, donning a traditional 'non la' hat and picking ingredients for your upcoming culinary class.

**Activities:** Visit HCM Agricultural Villages; Tour farming areas (cows, buffalos, fish, prawns, chickens, ducks); Explore herb, spice, vegetable, and mushroom gardens; Participate in a cooking challenge (3 dishes, 1 dessert); Receive certificates, recipes, and souvenirs; Visit Cho Lon Market and Chinatown; Discover the Great Temple; Explore the War Remnants Museum; View Notre Dame Cathedral from outside; Visit the Central Post Office.

**Day 8****Ho Chi Minh Leisure & Phu Quoc Island Transfer***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phu Quoc*

Enjoy a free morning at your leisure to further explore Ho Chi Minh City or simply relax at your hotel. Later, a driver will take you to the airport for your flight to Phu Quoc Island. Upon arrival at Phu Quoc airport, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and some rest. The remainder of the day is free for you to enjoy at your own pace, perhaps heading to the stunning beaches of this 'pearl island'.

**Activities:** Enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City; Transfer to airport; Fly to Phu Quoc; Transfer to hotel; Check-in; Explore Phu Quoc beaches at leisure.

**Day 9****Phu Quoc Island Relaxation & Optional Activities***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phu Quoc*

Replenish your energy with breakfast at the hotel. These two days are dedicated to your leisure, allowing you to fully enjoy a variety of available activities such as swimming in the clear waters, taking relaxing walks along the shore, or snorkeling amidst vibrant marine life. Should you desire more structured exploration, consider one of the optional tours available.

**Activities:** Enjoy free time for swimming, walking, and snorkeling; Consider optional tours like Catamaran Speedboat Fishing, Northern Phu Quoc Village Tour, Northern Phu Quoc Motorbike Tour, Phu Quoc 3 Islands Snorkeling, or Phu Quoc Island Night Fishing Trip.

**Day 10****Phu Quoc Island Relaxation & Optional Activities***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phu Quoc*

Continue to enjoy your free day on Phu Quoc Island. This is another opportunity to relax by the beach, swim in the ocean, or engage in any of the optional activities you might have planned. Explore the island at your own pace, perhaps discovering hidden coves or enjoying local seafood.

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Day 11

Phu Quoc Departure & Tour Conclusion

Meals: Breakfast

Savor breakfast at your hotel's restaurant, enjoying your final morning on Phu Quoc Island. Take some time to prepare your belongings and check out from the hotel. You will then be transferred to Phu Quoc airport for your flight back to Ho Chi Minh City, where your tour concludes.

**Activities:** Have breakfast; Prepare belongings; Check out from hotel; Transfer to Phu Quoc airport; Fly to Ho Chi Minh City; Tour ends.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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PRICE INCLUDES

AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

| Departure Date | Return Date | Price / Person | Availability | Languages |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| 31 Oct 2025    | 20 Dec 2026 | USD 1,599      | Available    | –         |
| 31 Oct 2025    | 20 Dec 2026 | USD 1,799      | Available    | –         |
| 31 Oct 2025    | 20 Dec 2026 | USD 2,199      | Available    | –         |
| 21 Dec 2026    | 20 Dec 2027 | USD 1,647      | Available    | –         |
| 21 Dec 2026    | 20 Dec 2027 | USD 1,853      | Available    | –         |
| 21 Dec 2026    | 20 Dec 2027 | USD 2,265      | Available    | –         |

CANCELLATION POLICY

Tour Code: IMP-60D818FF0A3C