

HOMESTAY VIETNAM 12DAYS 11NIGHTS

Day 1 Hanoi – Arrival (D)

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the morning is free. In the evening, watch a performance of the renowned water puppet theatre, an art whose origins date back over a thousand years. Overnight in hanoi.

Day 2 Hanoi – Sightseeing (B,L,D)



A full day to explore Hanoi's illustrious history. In the morning, visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex containing his mausoleum, former residence, and the One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, visit the Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple. A one-hour tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo is a relaxing way to end the day. The tour includes a visit to an ancient Vietnamese "long house". Overnight in hanoi.

Day 3 Hanoi – Ky Son (Walking – Cycling) (B/L/D)

Drive to Ky Son Village in the morning. Take a pleasant walk around the village to delve into the northern countryside lifestyle of Vietnam before joining your homestay host in lunch preparation. Have your lunch and learn more about the Vietnamese cultural characters through conversations with locals. In the afternoon, you will then set out on a bike ride along dust trails with stops for taking pictures; picking herbs and vegetables; chatting with children and farmers; and shopping at the village market, and then soak up the pastoral atmosphere and divine tranquillity. Return to the homestay for a relaxing traditional herbal bath before dinnertime. Before sleeping, soak your feet in a traditional herbal basin. Overnight in ky son homestay.

Day 4 Ky Son – Mai Chau (B/L/D)

After breakfast, you will then take delight in biking through rice paddies to the Mai Chau Valley which is dotted with stilt houses. The ride provides opportunities for taking photos, visiting families, and interacting with locals. On the return to the Mai Chau Lodge, we pass by the Vang Village of Mai Chau Town. Lunch before returning to Hanoi. Overnight in hanoi.



Day 5 Mai Chau cycling – Hanoi (B/L)

The serene morning will inspire you and the host to practice Yi Jin Jing, a series of exercises coordinated with specific breathing techniques and mental concentration. Leave Ky Son and depart for Mai Chau. On arrival, you will check-in and have lunch at the Thai minority village. Drive to Xam Khoe Village. You will set off on a walking tour to Buoc Village (populated by the Thai ethnic minority). Drive back to Thai village with a

stop en route to explore the magnificent Van Mai Valley. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay at the homestay. Overnight at homestay in mai chau.



Day 6 Hanoi - Ha Long Bay (B/L/D)

Drive to Ha Long Bay. Board a refurbished wooden sailing junk for a cruise among hundreds of islets of Ha Long Bay, where you will enjoy a seafood lunch and a swim (depend on weather condition). Afternoon visit a grotto before dropping anchor for the night on Ha Long bay. Overnight on junk.

Day 7 Ha Long Bay - Boat Cruise – Hanoi (L)

Spend the morning cruising through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Ha Long Bay before getting back to the wharf in the early afternoon. Return to Hanoi stopping en route at a ceramic factory. OVERNIGHT IN HANOI.

Day 8 Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City – Sightseeing (B)

Morning transfer to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. In the afternoon for a half-day city tour including the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Chinatown, Binh Tay Market and Thien Hau Temple. Overnight in ho chi minh city.

Day 9 Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels (B/L)

Drive to the remarkable Cu Chi tunnels outside Ho Chi Minh City. During the Vietnam - American war, the Vietnamese guerillas built the labyrinth of narrow tunnels using them to hide during bombing raids and stage surprise attacks. In the afternoon, free & easy. Overnight in ho chi minh city

Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City - Ben Tre Homestay (B/L/D)

Morning drive to Ben Tre - an island province well-known for its vast coconut groves. You will board a local boat to cruise to a quiet creek where a sampan will take you to a farmer house. Start the excursion with a stroll to mingle with Mekong Delta's simple life characterized by generosity and straightforwardness before joining a lunch preparation with your host. After lunch, your day will continue with a motobike-drawn cart ride to a sedge mat weaving house where you learn the weaving techniques and savor local tropical fruits.



Embark and cruise back to the pier with stops en route to delve into the local specialties such as coconut fiber, powder salt and brick making. You also have a closer look at how coconut candies, coconut products are made in a family run workshop before driving to Phu Tuc village. On arrival you will take a delight in visiting the orchard, fishing in a pond, and rambling to neighboring villages to interact with locals. Your homestay host

will assist you in preparing dinner before relishing a short Mekong traditional music performance. Overnight at local house in ben tre.

Day 11 Ben Tre - Cai Be - Ho Chi Minh City. (B/L)

Drive to Cai Be and take a boat to visit the floating market. Continue by river to see family-run business producing a local version of popcorn and rice paper. Lunch is in a local house. Afternoon continue to Binh Hoa Phuoc islet for a sampan ride before disembark in Vinh Long. Drive to Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 12 Ho Chi Minh City – Departure (B)

The morning is free for shopping before transferring to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for departure. Overnight in ho chi minh city.