

18 DAYS CYCLE TOUR VIETNAM

Saigon – Mekong Delta – Saigon – Dalat – Nha Trang – Hoi An – Hue - Hanoi

18Days 17Nights

Day 1: Arrival Saigon(D)

Arrive in Saigon and discover the vibrant energy of Vietnam's biggest city, where the open-air restaurants spill into the streets and it seems that every day is a festive occasion; We begin our Saigon experience with an orientation walk along the city's historic boulevards, passing some of its most interesting sights. We wander Saigon's wide and historic boulevards, visiting famous landmarks such as Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Cantina), Hotel de Ville, the former Presidential Palace.

Days 2-4: Mekong Delta by Bike (B/L/D)

Leisurely biking through green rice paddy fields and shady coconut groves allows us to meet local people on the way. Observe daily rural life while cruise the Mighty Mekong on board a charming and comfortable refurbished wooden rice barge. Several stops en route include visits to the famous floating markets, local manufactures for regional specialties and fruit orchards.

Day 5: Saigon (B/L/D)

Trip to the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels. The Cu Chi Tunnels are part of an extensive network of underground passages which extend as far as Cambodia. Built by the Viet Kong, the tunnels played a strategic role in the Communists' victory. Since the vast network included hospitals, kitchens, dormitories, weapons factories and even classrooms, thousands of guerillas could move themselves and their weapons undetected for great distances. Back in the bustling metropolis you have a day at leisure for your own discoveries



Day 6: Dalat (B/L/D)

Arrive in Dalat and start biking through pine forests, tea plantations and flower gardens. Enjoy the cool air of this former French colonial hill station and explore the town's charming French villas and the Summer Palace of Vietnam's last emperor Bao Dai.

Day 7: Dalat to Nha Trang(B/L/D)

Wind your way from the highlands down to the coast, past stunning views of red-tinted sand dunes and the dazzling blue waters of the South China Sea.

Day 8 & 9: Nha Trang (B)

Bike to crumbling Cham towers, a legacy of the Indianized kingdom that ruled Central Vietnam from the 2nd to 15th centuries. Take a rest and enjoy remote island life with sandy beaches, fresh seafood and snorkeling in the turquoise water.

Day 10: Danang

Arrive in Danang and enjoy stunning views of the sea from atop of the Marble Mountain while continueing to Hoi An.

Day 11: Hoi An (B/L/D)

Magnificent views of the stunning surroundings inspire you to keep peddling as you make your way to Hoi An. Glide lazily through the quiet streets of this ancient trading port, its central district—closed to motor vehicles—lined with carved wooden shop-houses, art galleries and pagodas. Ride past rice paddies, ponds and coconut-fringed lagoons to reach the beach.

Day 12: Danang to Hue (B/L/D)

On the way to the imperial city of Hue cross Hai Van Pass by bus and enjoy amazing views of one of Vietnam's most beautiful coastal strips.

Day 13: Hue (B)

Cycle along the banks of the Perfume River and see lush gardens, lotus ponds and pavilions where the emperors of Vietnam's Nguyen Dynasty are entombed. Explore the shrines and palaces of Hue's Royal Citadel, home to Vietnam's court from 1802 to 1945.

Day 14: Hue to Hanoi (B)

Day free at leisure for own discoveries of Vietnam imperial past before boarding the overnight train to Hanoi.

Day 15: Hanoi (B)

Welcome to the capital of Vietnam. Explore the craft workshops and crowded markets of Hanoi's thousand-year-old Old Quarter and bike to lakeside pagodas to meet the monks and nuns who reside there.

Days 16 & 17: Halong Bay (B,L,D)

Discover UNESCO World Heritage Site by cruising aboard a traditional junk, passing by the numourous limestone islands emerging from the turquoise sea. Stop for visits of the surreal looking limestone grottos and take a kayak tour before sailing towards sunset over the bay.

Day 18: Halong Bay – Hanoi - Departure (B)

Take a morning dip in the crystal-clear waters of Ha Long Bay before returning to Hanoi for departure flight.