

LUXURY VIETNAM PANORAMA 2023



Charm your senses. Vietnam is an exhilarating country to travel. Vibrant street life, exquisite food and epic landscapes are just the start of what you'll find here. Vietnam boasts stunning landscapes – the karst outcrops of Halong Bay and the hill tribe-settled mountains around Sapa spring to mind – as well as beaches, charming colonial towns, the fascinating villages of the Mekong Delta and lush national parks. Let iLuv2Travel bring you the 17 day Vietnam Panorama tour and we are making sure you will enjoy the trip.

Oct 29 - Ha Noi Arrival (D)

Welcome to Vibrant Vietnam and Hanoi!

The unique city of tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental temples. You will be met at Hanoi international airport. In the evening, welcome dinner in a nice local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Oct 30 - Ha Noi – City Tour (B,L,D)

After breakfast start your city tour of Hanoi. Visit some of the following sights; Ho Chi Minh Complex, Tran Quoc Pagoda located by the dazzling West Lake which will give you a real look at one of the most picturesque attractions in Hanoi formed by a harmonious architecture taking advantage of the watery landscape. Afternoon tour to Ngoc Son Temple followed by an hour cycle tour visit around Hanoi's Old Quarter.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Oct 31 - Ha Noi - Sapa (B,L,D)

Early morning drive to Sapa. After check-in your hotel travel to Ham Rong Mountain where we walk up to experience the amazing views of Sapa town and the local villages where you will visit later. After lunch take a stroll through the markets in Cat Cat village followed by a visit to the local village nestled in the valley below Sapa, you will get the opportunity to visit the local homes and meet the families.

Overnight in Sapa.



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Nov 01 - Sapa – Lao Chai – Ta Van (B,L,D)

Today you will discover through several hill tribe villages embarking along buffalo trails to Lao Chai and Ta Van. This is a spectacular walk where you will get the pleasure to meet some of the friendly locals and take in the views of multi-layered rice terraced fields and scattered villages.

Overnight in Sapa.

Nov 02 - Sapa – Ethnic Markets – Hanoi (B,L,D)

This Early morning start to enjoy the Sapa ethnic markets where you will be able to experience different tribes, food and unique clothing (Thursday- Lung Khau Ninh Markets). After lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit the H'Mong King's house which was built by the French and Chinese in the 1920s. Travel by road back to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.



Nov 03 - Hanoi – Ha Long Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

Depart from Ha Noi and travel by road through the Red River Delta to the beautiful Halong Bay. The scenic drive will pass through the rural landscapes before arriving at this World Heritage site. Upon arrival, board the Luxury Junk Boat Cruise where you will enjoy a welcome drink and freshly caught seafood lunch whilst sailing out of the bay passing the amazingly shaped mountains. You will also visit some magical grottoes and relax in the best scenic beauty Vietnam has to offer. Attend a morning Tai chi class & Cooking demonstration, Squid Fishing, or a movie show. We will drop anchor for our overnight stay surrounded by this incredible landscape. **Overnight on Cruise.**

Nov 04 - Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Quang Binh (B,L,D)

Enjoy the last stage of your trip in beautiful caves and islets, which has a wild and mysterious beauty in the middle of the World Heritage site. After a final farewell from the cruise, you will be transferred back to Ha Long City wharf via our Tender for your transfer to Hanoi airport for the domestic flight to Quang Binh (Dong Hoi airport). Upon arrival, you will be transferred to Phong Nha and do check-in your beautiful farm-stay.

Overnight in Quang Binh.

Nov 05 - Paradise Cave – Phong Nha Cave – Hue (B,L,D)

Today you will explore magnificent caves in Quang Binh, firstly Paradise Cave - It's a dry cave and is called "*underground palace*". After lunch in a nice local restaurant along Son River, you will take a boat to visit Phong Nha Cave and you will feel like you are entering in the mouth of a mountain. You will be transferred to Hue after the cave tour. **Overnight in Hue.**



Nov 06 - Hue – City Tour (B,L,D)

You will visit several highlights such as Tu Duc tomb, Minh Mang tomb, and Khai Dinh tomb. After lunch, you will then visit Hue Citadel, Ngo Mon gate where Bao Dai ended the Nguyen dynasty, Thai Hoa palace (Palace of Supreme Harmony), Hall of the Mandarins, and the Forbidden Purple city. Finish the day with a visit to Thien Mu pagoda: built on a hillock overlooking the Perfume River. This pagoda is an icon of Vietnam and the symbol of Hue city. Cruise the beautiful Huong river by Dragon boat viewing daily life along the way. Visit some villages and don't miss the sunset over the river.

Overnight in Hue.

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Nov 07 - Hue – Hoi An (B,L,D)

Take a three-hour drive to Hoi An which climbs over the hills. The view from the top of the Hai Van Pass is one of the most impressive panoramic scenes in Vietnam with views over Lang Co Beach. On the way you'll have a chance to visit Cham museum and Marble Mountain. Before dinner, we take you to our reputable tailor where you can get your favorite garments made.

Overnight in Hoian.

Nov 08 - Hoi An – City Tour (B,L,D)

Hoi An was originally one of the major trading centers of South East Asia in the 16th century. Our highlight today is a visit to the World Heritage Site of Hoi An Town, one of Vietnam's most delightful places. Experience a different world with the narrow lanes and historic architecture, old houses, the 400-year-old Japanese bridge and the colorful market stalls brimming with tropical specialties. The afternoon is free at your leisure to enjoy on the beach or shopping.

Overnight in Hoian.



Nov 09 - Hoi An – Cooking Class (B,L,D)

Visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. We will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and learn about all the ingredients to be used in your cooking lesson later. We board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. This is a chance to view local river life, so make sure your camera is handy. On arrival, we explore the cooking school's herb garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours – the Red Bridge chefs first demonstrate each dish before we prepare the same dish ourselves. After the lesson, we sit down to enjoy what we have cooked. **Overnight in Hoian.**



Nov 10 - Hoi An – Da Nang - Saigon (B,L,D)

Morning is at leisure before your flight to Saigon. Arrive to Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial center of Vietnam, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy À Ố Show (Optional) and Dinner at local restaurant. **Overnight in Saigon.**

Nov 11 - Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnel (B,L,D)

In the morning we will be travelling out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Cu Chi is an extensive underground network (approx. 200 km) of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh, and later expanded by the Viet Cong. After lunch your local guide will take you on a city tour to the major sites in Ho Chi Minh City: Re-Unification Palace, the Central Post Office, the Notre Dame Cathedral, and the War Remains Museum.

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Nov 12 - Saigon – Ben Tre – Can Tho (B,L,D)

Enjoy a full day excursion to Ben Tre, 80 km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the banks of the Mekong River. The Tour comprises of a cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to local homes & orchards, a taste of season fruit and honey tea, a performance of traditional southern singing, a horse drawn cart through the village paths and a sampan ride along palm- shaded creeks. Lunch is served as a Mekong specialty at a restaurant on the islet. Continue your journey to Can Tho (110km). Words simply cannot describe this surreal adventure. If time permits, you can relax by the pool or take in a massage at the hotel SPA on the banks of the Delta. **Overnight in Can Tho**

Nov 13 - Can Tho - Saigon (B,L,D)

Enjoy an early morning boat ride along the Mekong River to the bustling Cai Rang floating market, thronged with buyers and sellers moving around in boats laden with produce. This is a journey you won't forget and is a "must see" to appreciate the simplicity of the lives and culture of the Vietnamese people. Return to the hotel for a late breakfast and some time to relax. After lunch drive to Ho Chi Minh City and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Saigon.



Nov 14 - Saigon – Phnom Penh (B)

After breakfast, the morning is at leisure until you are transferred to the airport, which will conclude the Vietnam part.

This is where the optional Cambodia Tour extension commences – Further details provided on request.



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The above itinerary may change depend on flight schedule, road & weather.

AUD\$ 8,880.00* per person (single supplement AUD\$ 2,990.00*).

INCLUSIONS

Fully Inclusive

Touring with Guides and entrance fees.

Small Group Tour

Max Group Size: 14.

Included Meals

Breakfasts: 16 , Lunches: 15 , Dinners: 16.

Flights

International economy flights and current taxes (supplement one-way Business class from AUD\$1,490.00 per person per direction. Subject to availability.

Accommodation

15 nights in 5 star accommodation + 1 night in homestay

Cruise

Halong Bay Luxury Cruise - Physical Rating – Easy pace - Walking, some steps and time on your feet.

Tipping

Recommendation tipping USD\$ 5.00 per person per Day.

Payment

AUD\$ 1,500.00 deposit per person. Final payment 60 days before departure.

Cancelations Charges

Please refer to iLuv2Travel Terms & Conditions.

Visas & Passports

A valid passport is required to travel internationally (some countries insist the validity be for at least six months beyond the dates of your visit). Visa is required for Australian passport holders (AUD\$ 110.00 Vietnamese VIP visa per person).

Not included in the Tour price

Passport, vaccinations, visa application, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverages and food not on the regular menu as per itinerary, optional excursions, portorage, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, early and late check-in and out, entrance fees not mentioned on this itinerary, all other items of a personal nature and anything else not mentioned in this itinerary.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is mandatory with iLuv2travel Groups.

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