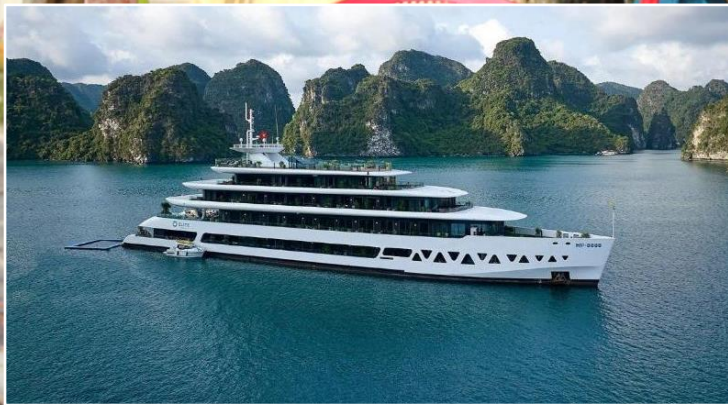


Vietnam Discoverer in Luxury

16th September 2024



Fully Hosted Small Group Tour





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Join us on our discovery of Vietnam in both comfort and style whilst taking in this amazingly beautiful country.

We begin our journey in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, where we discover its rich history, culture, and stories. It is here we get to stay in and explore Hanoi's Old Quarter, feeling the vibrant energy and taking in the colourful culture of this historic area. It is here we wander through paddy fields, explore local landscapes, and have the chance to enjoy Vietnamese hospitality when we lunch together with a local family.

Our next stop is no doubt an unforgettable adventure onboard our luxurious modern cruise boat in Halong Bay. Elite of the Seas is luxurious and quintessential in style however is unique from other junks in Ha Long Bay, being a premium and modern boat, Elite of the Seas offers with the delicious menus, swimming pool, fitness room, mini golf, spa & massage services, along with professional service, and a truly memorable experience. We sail for two nights in breathtaking beauty of this natural wonder witnessing the stunning scenery of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its limestone landscapes and floating villages, whilst enjoying the finest cuisine and entertainment onboard.

Onwards we then travel to the charming town of Hoi An, discovering the stunning rich cultural and heritage, here we enjoy a boat ride on the Thu Bon River, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops, learning to make our own colourful lanterns and not forgetting our chance to really indulge in local culinary culture with a local cooking class, in a riverside setting — the perfect backdrop to enjoy a meal you just learned to cook.

Our tour then heads further south to Ho Chi Minh City, formally known as Saigon, Vietnams most populist city and the economic heart of the country. The city draws together old and new and from our boutique hotel, "Hôtel des Arts, we journey back in time to Vietnam in 1930s combining the classical charm of French Indochina with a sense of timeless chic, the hotel is as much an art museum as a 5-star boutique hotel". It is from our base here we visit some of the most important sites related to the Vietnam War, including the Cu Chi Tunnels, and the War Remnants Museum. Our tour would not be complete without time taken to enjoy the Mekong on our luxury sampan, viewing rural life along the Mekong Delta region.

You will be amazed by the beauty, diversity, and richness this country has to offer to from the north to the south.



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MON 16 Home - Hanoi, Vietnam

This evening we depart New Zealand for our overnight flight to Hanoi, Vietnam

TUE 17 Hanoi, Vietnam

Xin chao! Welcome to Hanoi!

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Upon arrival in **Hanoi**, we will be welcomed by our local English-speaking guide and transferred to our hotel for check-in and is our home for the next three nights.

Our hotel is the 5 Oriental Jade Hotel offering views of Hoan Kiem Lake, Hanoi Cathedral and Hanoi Old Quarter. The hotel is located on Hang Trong Street, making it a very convenient location for exploring the Hanoi Old Quarter. The hotel spa also offers O'Spa Lotus locally inspired treatments for those wanting some pampering.*

The rest of the day is free for a rest and relax prior to re-gathering for our Welcome Dinner together tonight.

WED 18 Hanoi - Sightseeing

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Today we take a full day tour to explore Hanoi's illustrious history. In the morning we visit the imposing marble edifice housing the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** before moving onto his wooden stilt house and the **One Pillar Pagoda**.

We then explore the **first university in Vietnam** and the **Temple of Literature**, which is imbued with the profound philosophies of Confucianism.

We have lunch together today and this afternoon we visit the **Hoan Kiem Lake**, the **Ngoc Son Temple**, and an **ancient Vietnamese "long house"**.

With a real taste of a local experience, we take a short one-hour cyclo tour together of **Hanoi's Old Quarter**, allowing you to catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and learn about traditional Vietnamese architecture. This evening we dine at a local restaurant.

Trip Highlights

- Hanoi Sightseeing tour
- Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum - Hanoi
- Visit first University in Vietnam
- One Pillar Pagoda - Hanoi
- Hoan Kiem Lake
- Ngoc Son Temple
- Cyclo Tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Lunch with a local family at Dong Tam Village
- Sampan ride through But Cave Complex
- 2-night Ha Long Bay Cruise on the premium cruise boat, Elite of the Seas
- Visit Hoi An's famous lantern workshop
- Phuc Kien Assembly Hall in Hoi An
- 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge & Riverside Market - Hoi An
- Thu Bon River Boat Trip
- Local Culinary Cooking Class
- Ho Chi Minh City Sightseeing Tour
- Cu Chi Tunnels Tour & Mekong Jetboat ride
- War Remnants Museum - Hoi An
- Cai Be Princess - Mekong Sampan River Cruise
- Lunch at the iconic Le Longanier Restaurant



THU 19 Hanoi - Sightseeing (B L D)

Today we head out of town towards **Ninh Binh**. Starting our exploration with a leisurely short walk through the paddy fields to visit **Dong Tam Village**. Here we have the chance to interact as well as take part in **lunch with a local family**.

After lunch we take a sampan ride through the **Dong Tam Cave Complex**, exploring the dry caves as well as the water caves.

Following our day out exploring we return to our hotel and dine at a local restaurant tonight.

FRI 20 Hanoi - Ha Long Bay (B L D)

This morning we drive through the local countryside side to Ha Long Bay and it is here we board our luxury boat for 2 nights for our **Ha Long Bay Cruise** among the hundreds of islets of Ha Long Bay.

Elite of the Seas is designed based on the idea of contemporary, luxurious, quintessential style, unique from the others in Ha Long - Lan Ha Bay. With designed itineraries, delicious and abundant menus, professional service, and well-trained staff, Elite of the Seas promises to bring customers a truly memorable experience.

The cruise has thirty-five elegant spacious rooms, full of finest comforts such as fine dining restaurant, outdoor and indoor bar, wine and cigars cellar, mini-golf course, open year-round large swimming pool, sauna spa & massage.

After taking in the grandeur of our home for the next two days, we have our first lunch together onboard and then it is time to relax. We drop anchor late this evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. Overnight on the cruise in Lan Ha Bay.

N.B: Itinerary of Ha Long Bay Cruise is subject to change without prior notice.



SAT 21 Ha Long Bay Cruise (B L D)

Today we have another full day onboard our beautiful luxury boat to continue enjoying our cruise and activities as we relax, whilst viewing the beautiful landscape.

SUN 22 Ha Long Bay - Hoi An (B L D)

This morning we have a delightful cruise back through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Lan Ha Bay before returning to the dock. We then transfer to Hanoi airport for our onwards flight to Danang.

On arrival in Danang we transfer to our luxury 5* riverside Anantara Hoi An Resort in Hoi An our home for the next three nights.

The Anantara Hoi An Resort boasts an enviable setting, less than a kilometre from the historic quarter of Hoi An, in lush gardens fronting the Thu Bon River. Boutique luxury at our Hoi An hotel resort offers riverfront dining, blissful spa journeys, and sunset river cruises.

The rest of the day is free for rest and relaxation prior to re-gathering for dinner together this evening at a local restaurant.

MON 23 Hoi An (B L D)

This morning we visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and learn how to make one ourselves. We then set off on a walking tour to explore this World Heritage Site, with highlights including an ancient merchant house, the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the vibrant riverside market.

Following lunch together we take a peaceful boat trip on the Thu Bon River and afterwards there is free time to enjoy and explore the old town further.

This evening we re-gather and dine together, or you may wish to stay out exploring and do your own thing this evening, the choice is yours.

TUE 24 Hoi An (B D)

This morning is at leisure and free to enjoy the resorts facilities or perhaps just sit by the pool with a good book.

Late afternoon we participate in a cooking class together, with other food lovers at a local restaurant to experience culinary tradition, then get to get to enjoy the food you have prepared before our return to the resort hotel with the rest of the evening free.



WED 25 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh

(B) (L) (D)

This morning we depart Hoi An for Danang to catch our flight onwards to Ho Chi Minh City.

Upon arrival we transfer and check-in to our delightful 5* hotel and home for the next three nights.

The 5 Hôtel des Arts Saigon, taking us on a journey back in time to Vietnam in 1930s to relive the romance of this bygone era while luxuriating in all the comforts of the 21st century. Combining the classical charm of French Indochina with a sense of timeless chic, the hotel is as much an art museum as a 5-star boutique hotel.*

After lunch together we take a city highlights tour including the Reunification Palace, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office. We will visit a local market in Chinatown and either the Thien Hau Temple or the Quan Am Pagoda.

This evening we dine together at a local restaurant.

THU 26 Ho Chi Minh - Co Chi Tunnels

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This morning is an earlier start as we transfer to the local riverside dock to take our VIP covered jetboat ride and travel along the Saigon River, enjoying the stunning views of the city and the traditional Mekong river life that lines the banks to the Cu Chu Tunnels.

Our tour today includes a light breakfast onboard the boat, along with our Cu Chi tunnels tour, followed by lunch at a local restaurant together before we retrace our journey back to Ho Chi Minh City early afternoon.

Free time this afternoon for rest and relaxation or further exploring on your own before regathering together again tonight for dinner.

FRI 27 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

(B) (L) (D)

This morning we take a morning drive to Cai Be to enjoy a day in the lush surroundings of the Mekong Delta.

We begin by boarding the luxury Cai Be Princess boat and start our adventure through this river region on our small sampan ride at Tan Phong Islet. We cruise to the Cai Be area and visit a wonderfully preserved historic house, stopping enroute to visit thriving cottage industries and observe how rice paper and rice cakes are made.

Lunch today is at the iconic Le Longanier Restaurant, a lovely property set amidst a verdant tropical garden.

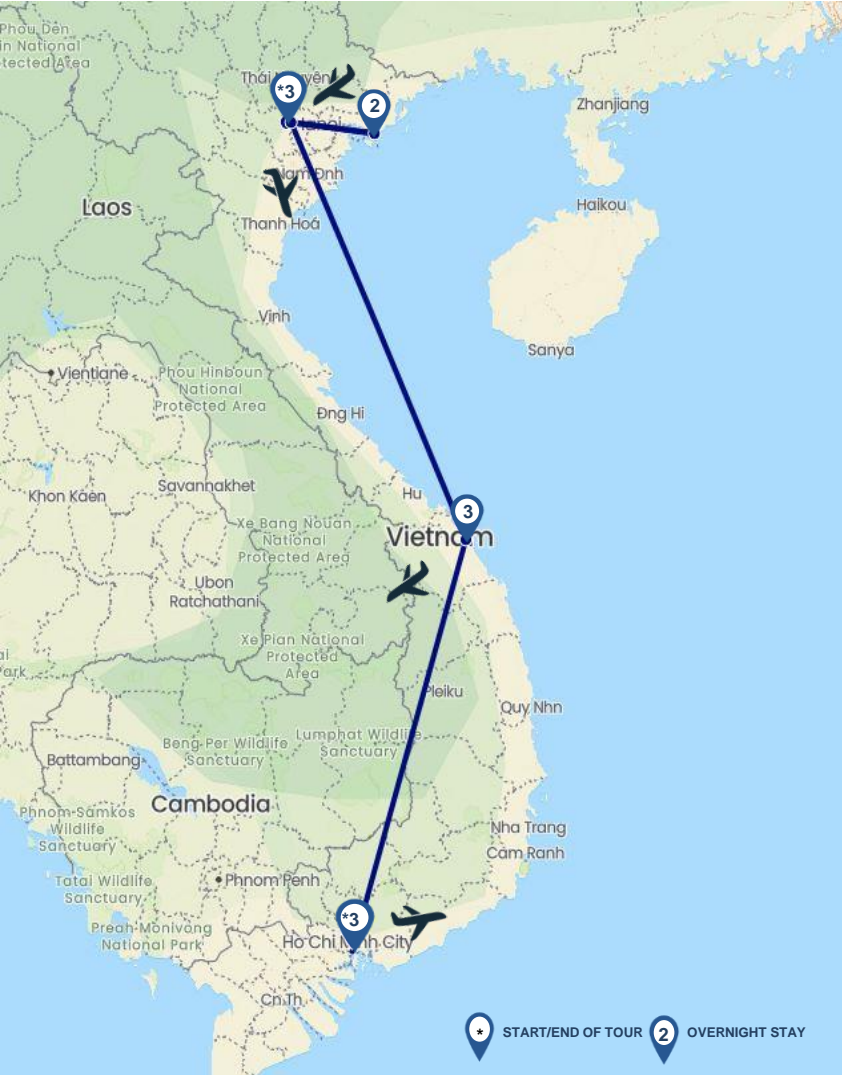
After our lunch together we return to Ho Chi Minh city with the rest of the afternoon free, perhaps some time for last minute shopping, until we regather for our Farewell Dinner together this evening.

SAT 28 Ho Chi Minh City - Home

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Free time this morning until we transfer to the airport for our flight back to New Zealand, arriving back in New Zealand on Sunday 29th September.





Vietnam Discoverer in Luxury 14 Day Tour Includes

Fully hosted from NZ with a **YOURTours Host**

International flights ex Wellington or Auckland

- Other departure locations available on request
- Flight upgrades available upon request
- Home Pick-up/drop-off T&C's apply

5* hotel & Ha Long Bay cruise accommodation

All flights within Vietnam and all gratuities

Services of local English-speaking guides throughout

All Meals as per itinerary

All excursions and activities as per itinerary

Departs 16 September 2024

Price from \$11,995 pp twin share

Single Price from \$14,995 pp

You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour. As this is one of our Luxury Diamond tours the maximum number of guests is 12.

We are based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your tour host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Hosts, ensuring everything is taken care of from start to finish, allowing you to relax and enjoy your tour.

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