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# **Vietnamese Adventure** · Vietnam

**Route**

from Hanoi / to Ho Chi Minh

**Duration**

15 days  / 14 nights

**Distance**

approx.190 km

**Level 2 {{regular}} / 5 {{end}}**

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**Land of dragons and contrasts**

Vietnam is a thrilling country full of contrasts, overwhelmingly spectacular nature, and mysterious monuments of times gone by. The country is home to bustling, vibrant cities and rural districts with deep-rooted traditions and an irrepressible optimism. Vietnam boasts ever changing landscapes and one of the most diverse cuisine cultures in the world. Spend two weeks actively exploring this fascinating country and immerse yourself in the vibrant far eastern flair. Explore the rocky fairy-tale world of the famous Ha Long Bay sailing on a traditional junk. Admire the lush green rice fields, visit colourful temples and pagodas, and let the emerald-green waters of the South China Sea enchant you. Explore the impressive monuments of the Vietnamese emperors as well as the historical town of Hoi An, a World Heritage Site, in Central Vietnam, and the expansive water labyrinth of the Mekong Delta in South Vietnam.


China
Vietnam
Ha Long Bucht
Central Vietnam
Thai-
land
Laos
Mekong Delta
Hạ Long
Hải Phòng
Bai Tu
Long Bay
Cát Bà
Lan Ha Bay
Cát Bà
Thuan An
Huế
Lang Co
Marble Mountain
Đà Nẵng
Hội An
Hồ Chí
Minh City
Mỹ Tho
Cái Bè
Vĩnh
Long
Cần Thơ
Trà Ôn
Vietnam
Airport
Biketour
Boat Crossing
Transfer
Kayaktour
Domestic Flight

# Itinerary

### 1st Day Hanoi (Arrival)

Arrival at Hanoi Airport. A shuttle bus takes you to your hotel in the heart of the old quarter of Hanoi. Despite its three million inhabitants, Hanoi's traditional charm is pervasive. The historic old town district is considered as one of the best preserved in Southeast Asia. The colourful and bustling streets contribute to the Asian flair. We may take a walk through the colorful, lively streets before visiting the famous water puppet theatre - a traditional Vietnamese form of art. Afterwards we have dinner in a local restaurant where we get to know our fellow travellers better. Overnight stay at the hotel in Hanoi. (Meals: D)

### 2nd Day Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc (aprx. 22 km)

After breakfast our shuttle bus takes us in the direction of the rural province of Ninh Binh. That's where we start our first cycling tour along vibrant green rice fields to Hoa Lu, the former capital of Vietnam. After exploring the fascinating historical site with its well-preserved relics of past dynasties, we continue our cycling tour, which takes us through Vietnam's most spectacular landscapes. Along the way we stop in the quaint village of Trang An Farm where we are able to try some local specialties for lunch. After lunch we continue by bike for a few kilometres to Tam Coc where we visit a local bird sanctuary. Here we enjoy a boat ride in this truly unique setting. Every evening the flock of birds returning to their nests is a spectacular sight. Overnight stay at the hotel in Tam Coc. (Meals: B, L, D)

### 3rd Day Tam Coc – Hai Phong – Cát Bà Island (aprx. 23 km)

After breakfast, the bus will take you to Hai Phong. From there, you'll take a ferry across Cat Hai Island to Cát Bà Island, the largest island in the archipelago of the same name. Upon arrival, you'll explore the island by bike along the picturesque coastal road to the main town of Cát Bà. If you still have the energy and time, you can extend the tour to include the impressive Cát Bà National Park. Rugged limestone mountains, dense jungle, and spectacular views characterize the landscape. After checking in at the hotel, there will still be time for a refreshing swim at the beach before dinner together. (Meals: B, L, D)

### 4th Day Cát Bà and Lan Ha Bay (Kayaking Day)

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll be taken with your luggage to Ben Beo, at the southernmost tip of the island. From there, an excursion boat will take you to picturesque Lan Ha Bay, where you'll go on a guided kayaking tour through the lagoon-like island landscape. Today's destination is a secluded beach where you'll enjoy a picnic lunch. After plenty of time for swimming, you'll continue your tour and eventually reach the junk where you'll spend the next two nights.

### 5th Day Lan Ha Bay – Viet Hai Village (Cát Bà Island) (aprx. 10 km + kayaking)

In the morning, an excursion boat will take you to Cát Bà Island National Park. On a short bike ride, you'll visit a remote village of the Việt Hải minority. During a tour of a traditional house, you'll gain fascinating insights into the life and culture of the villagers. Back on board, you'll enjoy the impressive scenery of Lan Ha Bay with its striking limestone cliffs as you continue your journey. In the afternoon, you can once again explore the stunning island landscape with its white-sand beaches by kayak. You'll wrap up the day with an atmospheric sunset party on the ship's sun deck.

### 6th Day Halong Bay – Hanoi – Hội An

Enjoy the sunrise over Halong Bay before exploring a fascinating cave in traditional rowboats after a light breakfast. After lunch on board, you'll disembark at Tuan Chau Marina. A transfer will then take you to Hanoi Airport. In the late afternoon, you'll fly to Đà Nẵng and continue on to your resort in Hội An. Upon arrival, you'll have time to relax in the hotel's idyllic palm garden or explore the charming old town with its historic wooden houses. You'll spend the night in Hội An.

### 7th Day Hội An - Tra Que - Hội An (aprx. 17 km)

Today we have the opportunity to experience the everyday life and work of the local farmers. After breakfast, we ride through the quiet countryside of Hội An towards Tra Que Village. The name of the area originates from a sweet-scented vegetable often used by the locals to spice up their meals: a totally new and foreign speciality! We prepare a meal with our host who familiarises us with the exotic ingredients. The afternoon can be spent as you wish: A stroll through the picturesque old town or a relaxing afternoon swim at the white beach of Cửa Đại or at An Bang Beach. Overnight stay at a hotel in Hội An. (Meals: B, L)

### 8th Day Hội An (relaxing day)

We have the full day to explore (on foot) the sights and sounds of Hội An. Its narrow streets, lantern-lit storefronts and fusion of various styles of traditional Asian architecture give it a charming feel. Two of the city's main specialties are clothing and food. Also, don't miss visiting the Japanese Bridge and Quan Cong Temple. In the afternoon you can enjoy all the benefits of your luxurious hotel resort and end the day at the palm tree shaded pool. Overnight at the Hotel in Hội An. (Meals: B, L)

### 9th Day Hội An – Huế (aprx. 26 km)

After breakfast we check out of the hotel and make our way to the former imperial city of Huế. Our transfer takes us over the Cloud Pass, the weather line between North and South Vietnam. After a short stopover on Lăng Cô Beach, we have the opportunity to cycle all the way along the coastline to Lap An Lagoon. You can decide for yourself how many kilometres you wish to travel by bike or by bus. After Lap An Lagoon, we continue cycling backroad on gentle winding road toward Phu Gia Pass. If weather conditions allow, we can stay for a refreshing swim before continuing to Huế. After checking into our lodge, the evening offers us some leisure time to explore the city for ourselves. Overnight stay at a hotel in Huế. (Meals: B, L)

### 10th Day Biketour Huế (aprx. 25 km)

Today is dedicated to the old imperial city Huế, charmingly situated between hills and rice fields on the bend of the Perfume River. It is here that the spiritual heart of Vietnam beats with more than 300 temples and pagodas. After breakfast, we explore the citadel with the "Forbidden Purple City" of the Nguyen dynasty. Enjoy lunch in a good local restaurant. An afternoon bike ride takes us to the famous Thanh Toan Bridge. After exploring the local villages with its unique architecture, temples and bridges we cycle bike back to Huế. The evening can be spent as you wish with plenty of time to explore the lively centre of Huế. . (Meals: B, L)

### 11th Day Huế – Hồ Chí Minh City – My Tho - Cái Bè(aprx. 25-30 km)

After breakfast we catch a morning flight to Hồ Chí Minh City with a subsequent transfer to Mỹ Tho, the gateway to the delta. After lunch begins your cycling tour to Vinh Long, the capital of the province, which lies between two major branches of the Mekong River. On your way to Cái Bè, you can admire the lush vegetation of the delta and the many rice fields along the route. Upon arrival in Cái Bè, you will take a small boat to cross over to a little island, where our resort for the night is located. Dinner will be served there. (Meals: B, L, D).

### 12th Day Mekong Delta: Cái Bè – Vĩnh Long and Cần Thơ(aprx. 45 km)

After breakfast you will cycle around the island along palm-shaded paths. After returning to the lodge for lunch, we continue by boat to Vinh Long. If you wish, you can further explore the beautiful landscape on an additional bike ride. A transfer will then take you to Can Tho. After checking in at the hotel, you'll have time to relax before enjoying dinner together at a riverside restaurant. (Meals: B, L, D)

### 13th DayCần Thơ – Hồ Chí Minh City

After breakfast, you will take a small private boat to Cai Rhang, the most famous floating market in Vietnam. We then visit the region's largest farmer's market, rounding out our cultural experience of Southern Vietnam. Make sure to have a camera at the ready, as the colourful fruit stands beg to be captured. After lunch on board we take a transfer to Hồ Chí Minh City. Overnight stay at a hotel in Hồ Chí Minh City (Meals: B, L)

### 14th Day Hồ Chí Minh City

Hồ Chí Minh City, formerly Saigon, is a boomtown and the modern centre of Vietnam. On a guided city tour we learn about this growing megacity, and visit the town hall, the cathedral Notre Dame, the main post office, influenced by Renaissance architecture, and other important sights which characterize the city’s history. In the afternoon, you are free to do as you please. Take the opportunity to buy some souvenirs and dive into the bustling crowds in the Bến Thành Market. A comfortable evening meal together allows us to reflect on the events of the vacation and to farewell fellow guests and tour guides. Overnight stay at the hotel in Hồ Chí Minh City. (Meals: B, L, D)

### 15th Day Hồ Chí Minh City(Departure or Extension)

Departure after breakfast or extended stay in Hồ Chí Minh City or Siem Reap. (Meals: B)




# Vietnam Junks · Premium

**Port of Embarkation**
Ha Long City
**Size**
Length: 30-40 m <br>Width: 7,00-8,50 m
**Capacity**
10-14 Cabins

## Special Features

**Year of construction**
2014-2021

**Cabin size**
12 - 18 m²

**Cabin features**
A/Cm mini bar, hairdryer, safe, slippers, bathroom with a mirror, shower, washbasin and WC

**Beds**
double or single beds

**Service**
cabin service

**Extras**
quiet generator, recliners on the sundeck, large tables with chairs on deck in the shade, bar on the top deck, spa and massage service, on board restaurant, complementary bottles of water in the rooms each day

## Vietnam Junks

Our ships in Vietnam combine modern design with traditional elements, providing a stylish setting for a memorable journey through Lan Ha and Ha Long Bays. On board, you'll stay in comfortable designed cabins featuring private bathrooms, individually controlled air conditioning, and large windows that frame magnificent views of the unique island landscape.

The spacious wooden decks feature an elegant dining room, a sky bar, and a generous sun deck with loungers. Here, you can unwind as your ship glides through Vietnam's spectacular limestone seascape. With genuine hospitality and attentive service, the experienced crew ensures a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey.

# Dates, Prices & Services

## Included services

- 15 day trip/14 nights of which 2 overnight stays on comfortable ships in air conditioned twin cabins and 12 overnight stays in very good hotels (at least 3 stars ranking)
- Catering as specified in the itinerary
- Guided bicycle tours and walks according to program
- All city tours and entrance charges to National Parks, museums, etc.
- Rental bikes (the bikes vary from destination to destination)
- Airport transfers on the official arrival and departure day
- Domestic flights (see description)
- English speaking guides

## Not included in the basic tour price

- Inbound flight to Hanoi and outbound flight from Ho Chi Minh City
- Beverages on board and in hotels
- Meals not described in itinerary
- Tips
- Valid visa for Vietnam
- SGR Insolvency protection (5€ per person)

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 SGR Insolvency protection (mandatory consumer contribution SGR insolvency protection guarantee scheme: € 5 per person - will be specified separately on the booking confirmation)

## Prices for Additional Services

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| Single room charge<br>(single rooms are only guaranteed for overnight stays in the hotels, not on the boat) | 50% surcharge on the tour base price |
| Insurance against theft and damage of the rental bike<br>(not insured: grossly negligent damages) | 10 euro per trip |
| E-bike rental | 200 euro (3 days in North Vietnam / 3 days in South Vietnam) |
| Exclusive airport transfers<br>(if not on arrival or departure days) | Prices on request |
| Additional nights in Hanoi and Hồ Chí Minh City | Prices see "additional nights" |
| Extension programs in Hanoi and Siem Reap [&] Angkor Wat | Prices see "extension program" |

## Discounts

- If this is your second Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Welcome-back-discount of 3% on the basic tour price.
- If this is your third or more Islandhopping tour booked directly with us, you will receive our Loyalty-discount of 5% on the basic tour price.

# Dates

| Date | Accommodation | Start City | End City | Base Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22.11.2026 – 06.12.2026 | Vietnamese Junk & Hotel | Hanoi | Ho Chi Minh City | 3.869,00 € |
| 07.03.2027 – 21.03.2027 | Vietnamese Junk & Hotel | Hanoi | Ho Chi Minh City | 3.869,00 € |
| 21.03.2027 – 04.04.2027 | Vietnamese Junk & Hotel | Hanoi | Ho Chi Minh City | 3.869,00 € |

# Arrival

## Travel Preparations

Please note that you have to book your outward flight to Hanoi and the return flight from Ho Chi Minh City. If at all possible, the outward flight should arrive before noon on the arrival day. Your Islandhopping trip officially begins with a welcome drink at 5 pm in the hotel lobby.

A trip to Vietnam and a holiday spent there requires a certain amount of preparation in regard to formalities.

In order to avoid time pressure while going through the formalities, you should have booked your trip to Vietnam at least two months before commencement of the tour.

## How to get to Vietnam - Flights

We recommend booking flights through a travel agent. Please note that you must book the outward flight to Hanoi and the return flight from Hồ Chí Minh City.

The earlier a flight is booked the better the chances are of finding a reasonably priced ticket. Please let your travel agent inform you of the best possibilities for your specific situation.

## Entry Requirements for Vietnam

As entry and customs regulations can change at short notice, we recommend that you also check the information provided here with the representative of your destination country.

Visa exemptions: Citizens from Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Japan, South Korea, Finland, Russia and Belarus can enter Vietnam without a visa. This applies to stays of a maximum of 45 days. For all stays longer than 45 days, a corresponding visa is required, which can be applied for as an e-visa.

Visa requirement: Citizens of Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Ireland require a visa in any case - the easiest and cheapest way is to obtain an e-visa.

In any case, you must have a passport with you that is valid for six months beyond the date of entry and has at least 2 free pages for endorsements. It is also recommended that you have a printout of your return flight ticket with you. Showing this copy when you enter the country can simplify the process

enormously.

Please check the information provided here yourself. Boat Bike Tours B.V. accepts no liability for any incorrect information.

## Visa Requirements

Citizens of Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland and all citizens from USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand require valid visa or e-visa, which can be obtained from the Vietnamese embassy or also online.

You can apply for an e-visa in English via the following link: Vietnam National Electronic Visa system

The processing time is usually around 13 days and only begins once all the necessary documents have been received. Children traveling with you need their own passport and visa.

## Onward journey to Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Should you book the additional days in Siem Reap you can organise the flight from Hồ Chí Minh City to Siem Reap with Islandhopping and fly home directly from Siem Reap. Should you need a return flight from Siem Reap to Hồ Chí Minh City, Islandhopping would be happy to help you with this as well. Please check the flight's arrival time in Hồ Chí Minh City before booking the connecting flight to your destination.