

VIETNAM

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

■ BOATING TO HA LONG BAY

Ha Long Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and popular travel destination. The name Hạ Long means "descending dragon". According to the legend, Ha Long is made by the dragon. People still believe that the dragon lives in the bay. The bay includes more than 3000 islands with idyllic beaches.

■ THE GOLDEN BRIDGE. DA NANG

This bridge has already attracted the attention of millions of tourists for its two giant hands, which seemingly lift it into the sky. The 1414 m. height and 150 m. length bridge was opened for visitors in 2018. Standing on the bridge, visitors can admire the whole infinite scenery of Ba Na Hills.

■ HOAN KIEM LAKE. HANOI

Hoan Kiem Lake, also known as the "Lake of the Returned Sword" or "Lake of green waters". The lake is in the historical center of Hanoi and considered as one the most important sites of Vietnam. According to the legend, a Golden Turtle God gave a magic sword to Emperor Le Loi to fight Chinese. Later, the Emperor gave the sword back to the turtle after he finished fighting off the Chinese.



WELCOME TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

Here every tourist will be safe and surrounded with love. The Vietnamese people understand very well that their well-being depends on tourists, so they do everything they can to make the tourist feel good.

Vietnam is constantly attracting lovers of new emotions. Here you will meet a lot of things, which will surprise you. Tourists visit Vietnam in order to enjoy a majestic nature, fresh air, and white beaches, and these are not just words.

Being an agrarian country with fewer factories, Vietnam has managed to preserve nature and not to pollute the environment. Here you will not see many cars, people mostly use bicycles and mopeds.

Vietnam attracts tourists with its cheap prices, so while shopping you will be pleasantly surprised.

So, if you are ready to explore Vietnam, pack your luggage.

Norayr Gevorgyan
Group Leader



Flight details:

29.10.23/Yerevan–Doha 03:00–05:00/Doha–Hanoi 20:45–07:20+1

09.11.23/Hochiminh–Doha 08:30–12:40/Doha–Yerevan 19:45–23:55

DAY 1

DEPARTURE FROM YEREVAN, ARRIVAL TO HANOI

Upon arrival at **Noi Bai International Airport**, we are warmly welcomed by our local guide, then transferred to check in at the hotel (**early check-in is included**). **Dinner** at a local restaurant. Overnight at a 5* hotel in Hanoi.

DAY 2

HANOI – CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will start the day with a visit to the **Temple of Literature**. Built in 1076, The Temple of Literature was Vietnam's first university and was established to educate Vietnam's royalty, mandarins and members of the elite. The university functioned for an incredible 700 years. Its gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a fascinating glimpse into Vietnam's past.



Afterwards, we will visit **The One Pillar Pagoda**, which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. This structure is one of Vietnam's smallest but most iconic temples. Close by is the **Mausoleum of the historic Father Figure of modern Vietnam**, Ho Chi Minh, and the **Former President's House** on stilts where he lived from 1958 to 1969. Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon we will visit the beautiful **Hoan Kiem Lake** and **Ngoc Son Temple**. Hoan Kiem Lake was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi when Ngoc Son Temple was built on an island in the 19th century.

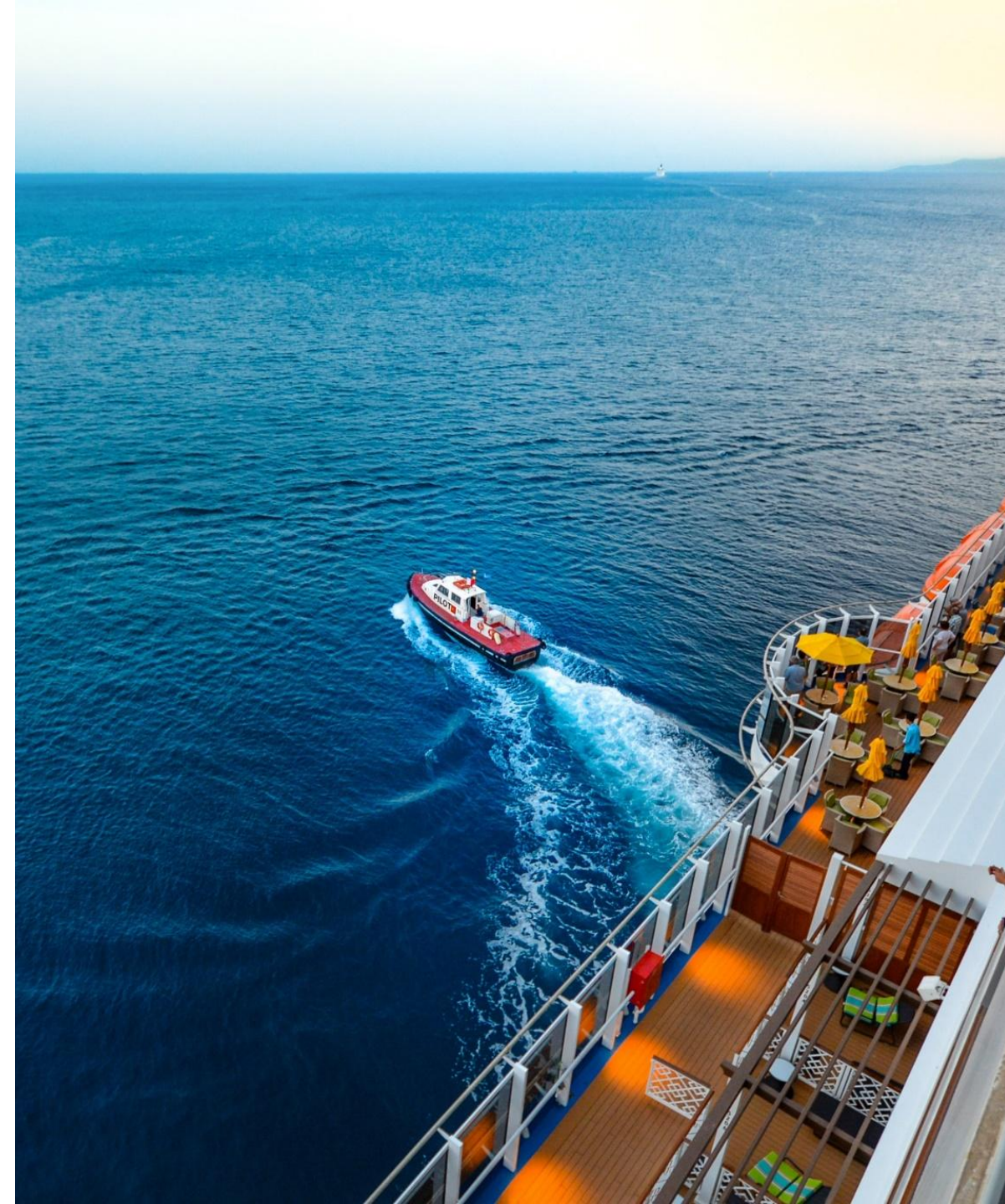
Afterward we'll enjoy a leisurely **one-hour buggy tour** through the streets of this fascinating city. We will come face to face with the daily lives and activities of Hanoi's streets as we pass through the congested, but delightful, Old Quarter.

Then we will attend a performance of the **famous water puppet show**. The Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry has roots that date back to the 10th century when it originated in the Red River Delta area of northern Vietnam. The farmers in the region celebrated festivals and harvests by performing this unique art form.

DAY 3

HANOI – HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

After breakfast, we will enjoy the 2.5 – 3.0hrs drive to **Halong Bay**. Arrive at the jetty in Halong City towards noon and proceed with check-in formalities. After being welcomed on board we will have lunch while cruising towards the bay itself. In the afternoon, enjoy some visits and/or activities or just spend some time relaxing on board. Towards the end of the day the boat sets anchor for the night among the karst formations. Dinner is served on board. Overnight on Halong Bay.



DAY 4

HALONG BAY CRUISE – HANOI – DANANG

Enjoy the fresh morning in the middle of the bay, the sun rises on **Halong** in the morning and breakfast is served while the vessels cruise slowly through the magnificent rock formations and back towards port. Disembark and transfer back to **Hanoi**.

Arrive in Hanoi late in the afternoon, transfer to **Noi Bai Airport** for our flight to **Danang**.

Arriving at Danang Airport, we will be warmly welcomed by our local guide and transferred to check in the hotel. Overnight in Danang.

DAY 5

HOI AN – CAM THANH WATER COCONUT VILLAGE – DANANG

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit **Cam Thanh Water coconut village**, have a brief introduction to the history there. Take on the basket boat along the water coconut river. Fishermen will teach us how to catch the crabs (02 pax/ boat). Disembark on the boat, back to **Hoian Town**. Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon we will discover **Hoi An**. One of the best ways to discover Hoi An and its surroundings is by walking, during our leisurely walk we will visit some of the historic merchant and community houses,



places of worship and famous **Japanese Covered Bridge**, the daily life of the local people: green paddy fields, vegetable gardens, markets, temples, historic houses, fishermen and stunning countryside scenes will simply mesmerize you. This tour offers great photo opportunities and you may find yourself chatting with the locals and inhaling unforgettable memories. Overnight at hotel in Danang.

DAY 6

DANANG – BANA HILLS (GOLDEN BRIDGE) – DANANG

After breakfast at the hotel, our local guide will meet us at the lobby and transfer to **Danang** - the fourth largest city in Vietnam, the gateway to the central provinces and a sea port with nice beaches and resort

Today we will visit this mountainous theme park perched 1,500m high on a mountain, a hill resort inherited from the French – **Bana Hills**. The site was first developed by the French in the 1920s, who escaped the summer heat for its cool, mountain air.

Arrive at the **Cable car** station at the foot of **Ba Na Mountain**. Enjoy the first leg cable car, which achieved **two Guinness World records** in 2009, longest non-stop cable car (5,042m) and highest non-stop cable car (1,292m). Sitting in the cabin, in mid-air, looking upon the endless tree line of the forests, brings you with spectacular views of the lush jungle and fairly waterfalls along the way. Experience pristine ecological systems of the Ba Na Mountains will leave you with a sense of unforeseeable discovery.

You will visit the Le Jardin, old wineries, remains of French Villas and Ling Ung Pagoda with **27m high Buddha status**. We then leave Le Jardin for the second cable car station to visit the top of the mountain and see the remains of old villas. Conquer the Peak of **Chua Mountain** at the height of 1,487m. View the whole Danang city under the cluster of white clouds. Leave Peak of Chua Mountain, visit the trail of Dreaming Stream, Rainbow Waterfall, Suspension Bridge, Golden Valley, and ruined Opera House, play



with wild monkeys and take photos, Stroll through the Golden Bridge amid the foggy hills of the mountain, enjoy the gorgeous view of Da Nang city. Buffet Lunch on Bana Hills. Return to Cable car station and get back to Danang.

Tour continues to explore **Danang** with a visit to the **Linh Ung Pagoda**. This serene compound features stunning views over the sea and the Cham Islands. The pagoda is dominated by a **67-meter statue of Guanyin**, the goddess of mercy. The locals believe Guanyin protects fishermen from danger so it is not uncommon to see devotees making offerings or saying prayers at the base of the statue. Overnight at hotel in Danang.

DAY 7 - 9

DANANG – FREE DAYS FOR LEISURE

Three more free days in **Da Nang** are waiting for us. If you have already enjoyed the sun and the beach, today you are welcome to visit museums and historical and cultural sites. For example, visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture and get acquainted with Cham tribe's history.

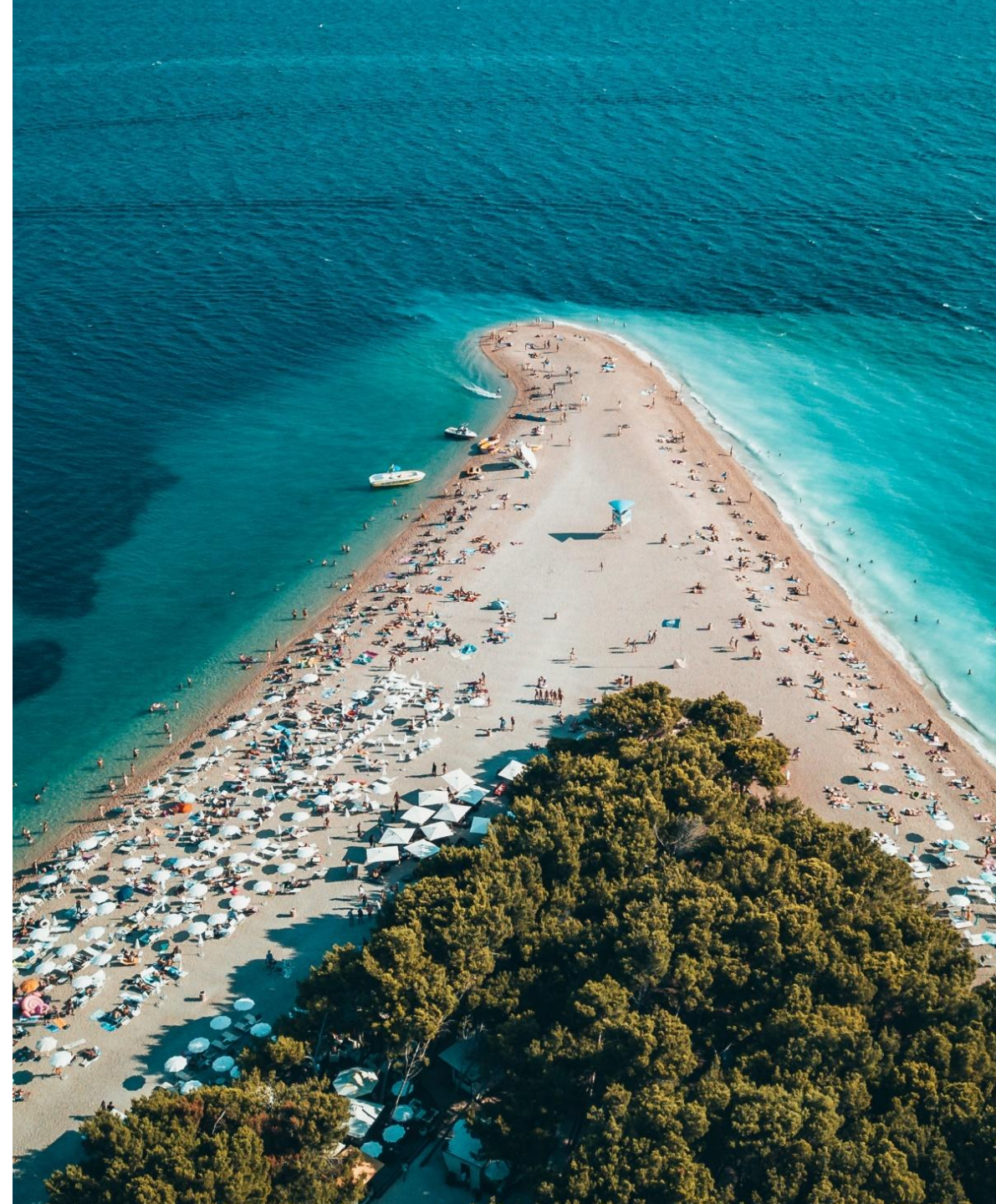
DAY 10

DANANG – HOCHIMINH

Free at your own leisure time until transfer to Danang Airport for your domestic flight to **Hochiminh**.

Upon arrival at **Tan Son Nhat Airport**, all guests are warmly welcomed by our local guide then transfer to check in the hotel.

Afternoon, you will visit **Independence Palace** (Reunification Palace), **War Remnants Museum** (closed Mondays). Afterwards, stroll through the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: the Old Saigon Post Office,



Notre Dame Cathedral inaugurated in 1880 became the spiritual and cultural crucible of the French presence in the Orient as was the Post office designed by Gustav Eiffel and resembling a grand railway station, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House and Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee (formerly Hôtel de Ville) which is one of the most photographed buildings in Vietnam - notable for its gardens, ornate facade and elegant interior lit with crystal chandeliers. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Hochiminh.

DAY 11

HOCHIMINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA)

Morning meet our local guide in the lobby of your hotel and drive to **My Tho**, the heart of the **Mekong delta**, famous for its vast rice fields and most beautiful landscapes. Visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda en route and stop by the bank of **Tien Giang river**. Take a boat trip on Mekong River to Phoenix Island where local handicrafts and sweets from coconut are being produced. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruits and traditional live music and songs performance. Take a short ride on **a Tuk Tuk** to a typical local house to taste some homemade honey-tea. Proceed by small sampan boats through the small canals and side arms of the river to observe the daily life along the river banks with a stop and short leisurely walk at the **Turtle Island**. Lunch at a local restaurant.

DAY 12

DEPARTURE FROM HO CHI - MINH - ARRIVAL TO YEREVAN

This is how our journey will end and we will leave for our lovely Yerevan with unforgettable impressions.



PRICE PER PERSON
DOUBLE - 1.150.000 AMD
SINGLE - 1.450.000 AMD

Package Price Includes

- Round trip air ticket from Yerevan & Domestic flights
- Individual round trip airport shuttle
- 11 nights in twin rooms in 5* hotels with breakfast
- 6 lunches & 2 dinners at local restaurants
- Farewell dinner
- English speaking guide services
- Armenian group leader
- Entrance tickets
- Visa
- Insurance



HOTELS

Grand Mercure Hanoi 5*

Olalani Resort & Condotel 5*

New World Saigon Hotel 5*

Mon Cheri Cruise 5*



INTERESTING FACTS

ABOUT VIETNAM

- In 2008 - The American magazine The Forbes has published a list of countries with the best cuisine. Vietnam was the 3rd.
- In Vietnam, people eat everything that moves from worms to reptiles.
- The world's largest cave is located not far from Da Nang.
- The name of the capital city Hanoi basically means "the city between the rivers".
- Vietnam is the second largest exporter of rice in the world. Vietnam was one of the colonies of France. Its freedom declared in 1954. The United States accepted Vietnam's independence only in 1995.
- The New Year celebration in Vietnam depends on the lunar calendar.
- Policemen who control the discipline in Vietnam are very attentive and alert, and even speaking aloud can attract their attention.
- There are few cars in Vietnam, and almost no one follows the traffic rules. Residents mostly travel by bicycles or mopeds.
- In Vietnam, it is unacceptable to speak with hands and use the active gesture.





Do not miss out this unique opportunity to see all this with your own eyes. Vietnam is waiting for you!

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