



## HONEYMOON IN VIETNAM: BEACHES AND MORE

**Duration:** 12 Days/11 Nights

From the bustling commercial city to the nicest beach and UNESCO World Heritage site, enjoy your honeymoon and treasure your memories for a life time.

### **Programme Overview**

Hanoi, Halong, Hoi An, Hoi Chi Minh City and Con Dao

### **Highlights**

Explore Duong Lam Village & cycle tour  
Temple of Literature  
Water puppet show  
A visit to Vung Vieng floating fishing village by Kayak  
A walking tour of Hoi An  
Visit to Tra Que Village  
Look into the notorious small town of Cu Chi  
Con Dao Sightseeing – Monuments, museum and Prison

### **A&K Advantage**

Bhaya Legend I Cruise-Private luxury cruise on Halong Bay  
Learning the art of making colourful lanterns  
Saigon sightseeing on a Vintage Vespa along with a private guide  
A gourmet picnic lunch on the beach of Con Dao  
A private Hobie catamaran with a champagne sundowner  
An intimate candlelit dinner on a secluded spot on the white sandy beach of Con Dao

Private arrival and departure airport transfers  
The services of an A&K Representative

*\* On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or*

*reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1

#### ARRIVE HANOI

On arrival you will be met by an A&K Representative and transferred to your hotel by a private vehicle and assisted with check-in. The hotel is exclusively placed over the tranquil waters of West Lake only minutes from Hanoi's well-known Old Quarter.

Day is at leisure.

Enjoy a drink at the hotel's Sunset Bar, and watch the sun set across the lake. A beautiful view of the skyline creates a romantic ambience.

For dinner relish the freshest blend of Vietnamese cuisine in a restaurant featuring modern-day Asian design, vivid glass fronted kitchens and stimulating sights of the city's transforming skyline.

**Overnight:** Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake

**Meal Plan:** D

### Day 2

#### HANOI—Visit to Duong Lam Village, Temple of Literature & Water puppet show

After breakfast, you make a visit to Duong Lam Village. The ancient village has a history of about 1,200 years with many houses dating back up to 400 years. A special thing about the village is that most of the structures here are made of laterite and mud, abundant in the area. Apart from its historical and tourism values, it is a significant place for scientists to study resident communities in ancient agriculture. You may enjoy lunch in the village before heading back to Hanoi.

After lunch visit the Temple of Literature, founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius. It honors scholars and men of literary accomplishment.

Later take a, exploratory cycle ride into the Old Quarter area, characterized by numerous narrow streets, dating back to the 15th century, and each bearing a name that reflects the business once conducted there.

Drop by Thang Long theatre to enjoy famous Water Puppet Show, unique Vietnamese traditional art. This ancient art originated in the countryside by the farmers who worked on the paddy fields. The farmers amused themselves during times of flooding, by performing water puppet shows out in the paddy fields. The artists-men and women-stand waist-deep in the water and manipulate the puppets from behind the curtains, making them move about, talk, laugh and even dance on water surface.

**Overnight:** Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake

**Meal Plan:** B

### Day 3

#### HANOI—HALONG (Overnight Cruise)—Visit Vung Vieng floating fishing village by Kayak

After breakfast, you will be transferred by a private vehicle to Halong bay to board Bhaya Legend I Cruise, a private luxury cruise.

Embark on Bhaya Legend and enjoy you will be welcomed with a cocktail slowly sailing to Bai Tu Long, passing the setting for the movie Indochina, Mat Quay and Am Tich Islets.

Relish a sumptuous fresh seafood lunch on-board.

Bhaya Legend moves on into Vung Vieng floating fishing village, nestled among the limestone peaks, unaffected by ocean waves or strong winds. Visit the village by kayak or a small boat to see the daily lives of locals up close.

Swim or kayak the turquoise waters off the pristine white sandy beaches. Watch the sunset over enchanting Halong Bay while cruising to the overnight anchorage with wine in hand in the company of your loved one, on the sundeck of your luxury vessel.

Enjoy a romantic candlelit set-dinner on board.

Retire to your cabin or join the fishing program.

**Overnight:** Bhaya Legend I Cruise

**Meal Plan:** B, L, D

#### **Day 4**

##### **HALONG–HANOI–DANANG–HOI AN–Activity on board**

Appreciate the beauty of the sunrise, lapping waves, fresh sea air, and gentle breeze over the bay with cup of tea or coffee on the sundeck. Or wake up at your leisure.

The crew will prepare the vessel to sail to a destination of your choice. You could decide between sightseeing at Sung Sot Grotto, or hiking up Titop Mountain or being adventurous for lagoon kayaking or swimming on a deserted beach.

Brunch is served on board. Bhaya Legend returns to Tuan Chau Island at 11 am.

On return to Hanoi, you will be received by your private shopper and will be free to explore and exploit the exclusive shopping areas.

Later you will take a private charter flight to Danang.

Upon arrival, you will be received by a A&K Representative and privately transferred to check-in to the hotel at Hoi An, a town by Thu Bon River and has been declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It was once the chief trading center for silk, porcelain, pepper, cinnamon and medicinal plants. In spite of the wars of the 19th and 20th centuries the town's characteristic architecture remains intact.

Romance under the open sky and enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner sophisticatedly setup on the private beach area right outside your suite.

**Overnight:** Victoria Hoi An Resort

**Meal Plan:** B, D

#### **Day 5**

##### **HOI AN–Walking tour Hoi An**

A steamy aromatic rose petal bath for you and your partner would be awaiting you—a perfect way to pamper yourselves and begin your day.

Enjoy leisurely breakfast in bed.

Take a walking tour of Hoi An, sightsee the historic town which used to be a flourishing seaport city during the 16th to 18th centuries. Explore the colorful local market, Tan Ky old house, Fukien Assembly Hall, and the 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge.

After lunch, you can also watch local residents raise silkworms and produce silk for Hoi An's flourishing textile industry.

Evening is at leisure.

**Overnight:** Victoria Hoi An Resort

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 6**

##### **HOI AN–Visit to Tra Que Village and Lantern making**

After breakfast you will be visiting Tra Que Village. A drink of freshly picked fruits will await you at the home of your host, Mr. Tuan, before you take a walk around the charming village and learn about its history and customs. On walking a short distance you will reach the vegetable gardens where hundreds of local farmers work their fields using century old traditional methods - no electrical machinery used till date.

The real fun begins once you return to Mr. Tuan's residence. You will be given farming instruments, and set to join the farmers in preparing the land for sowing. Your private guide describes the traditional farming methods while you

help fertilize the garden using seaweed from the local lake, and then water it using huge tin cans strapped to your back. Time is then spent picking vegetables and herbs, and learning how to wrap them to prevent damage. Many of the local herbs are used by the farmers for traditional village medicines.

It's now time to try your hands at making the village specialty named "Tam Huu" spring rolls - using the local herbs and vegetables you have just picked or Xeo Cake (Banh Xeo). You may then enjoy a lovely local meal.

Colourful lanterns are not only the symbol of Hoi An's but also a part of its spirit. Flickering light of these beautiful lanterns at night is alluring to all. You will have the opportunity to learn the art of making these beautiful lanterns by visiting the home of a craftsman in the old streets. A brief introduction to the history, shape, and color of the lanterns as well as the many stages of making them will be provided. You may make your own lantern as a symbolism of your honeymoon and keep it as a souvenir.

**Overnight:** Victoria Hoi An Resort

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 7**

##### **HOI AN–DANANG–HO CHI MINH CITY–Visit Cu Chi**

After a leisurely breakfast, you will be transferred by a private vehicle to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

On arrival, you will be met by your private guide and visit Cu Chi, a small community located in the northwest of Ho Chi Minh City. It gained notoriety for its network of deep tunnels that provided shelter and an effective source of infiltration for the Viet Cong during the later years of the Vietnam War. The tunnels, which stretched hundreds of miles in total length, housed storage rooms, make-shift hospitals and sleeping quarters that accommodated rebel fighters for up to two weeks at a time.

On returning to Ho Chi Minh City you will be assisted with check-in and welcomed with a glass of Champagne.

Evening is at leisure for you to relax. Enjoy innovative cocktails at the hotel's Jade Bar or other tempting drinks.

**Overnight:** Intercontinental Asiana Saigon

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 8**

##### **HO CHI MINH CITY–Saigon sightseeing by Vintage Vespa**

Enjoy a relaxed romantic breakfast in bed.

After breakfast sightsee the city romantically on a Vintage Vespa. One of the best way to get around and explore real Saigon local life bustle, go on a guided tour with a private guide on a ride beside you. Explore the historic Reunification Hall, down Dong Khoi Street – passing the red-brick Notre Dame Cathedral, elegant Post Office and Opera House – before cruising down central Le Loi and out to Ben Thanh Market, squeezing through backpacker Pham Ngu Lao, out to the Chinese Cholon district and back to the city. Vespa tour of modern-day Ho Chi Minh City will give you a view of greater Saigon unlike anything you'll see from the window of your private car.

Evening is at leisure. You may choose to unwind and relax with a private romantic couple spa treatment at the hotels spa.

**Overnight:** Intercontinental Asiana Saigon

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 9**

##### **HO CHI MINH–CON DAO–At leisure**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport in style for your flight to Con Dao. On arrival at Con Dao you will met by a A&K Representative and be transferred in a private vehicle to Six Senses Hotel where you will be assisted with check-in.

Con Dao is a spectacular location, which has been sheltered for decades as a national and marine park.

Six Senses Con Dao was the first five-star resort in the archipelago islands, modern in design and reflects the true spirit of a traditional fishing village. Recognised as one of world's best eco lodges it is zealous about supporting and protecting the environment.

Afternoon is at leisure to relax in your private infinity pool or walk hand in hand on the beach which can be directly accessed from your villa.

Enjoy a panoramic view of the horizon and get fascinated seeing the sky change colours as the sun sets. Wine will be on offer to add to the romance and beauty of the sunset in the privacy of the beachfront of your villa. As the sun dissolves into a starlit night, you can share a romantic kiss or two as you enjoy on the sandy beach.

You may choose to dine in the privacy of your villa with a private butler service.

**Overnight:** Six Senses Resort

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 10**

##### **CON DAO—Snorkeling, picnic lunch and catamaran ride sundowner**

Enjoy your aroma bath with rose petals, candles and a romantic breakfast in bed.

Since Can Dao is considered as the best for marine conservation in the country, supporting a high level of bio diversity, over 340 species of coral of varied colours and hues, snorkeling in the turquoise waters will surely be justified. Explore the colourful and exotic marine life.

To add to the fun, enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch on the beach. Elegantly set with a private butler, it will be nothing less than a luxurious experience.

Hopping aboard a private Hobie catamaran is a little bit of heaven. Feel the soft breeze brush your face, the beauty and charm of the view mesmerise you. Sail in the fisherman boats to that point in the horizon where the sky seems to blend with the sea. Enjoy some champagne to celebrate your honeymoon on this sundowner ride, as you watch the sun setting at a far end over the horizon with your loved one.

**Overnight:** Six Senses Resort

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 11**

##### **CON DAO—Sightseeing and special farewell dinner**

After breakfast, take a short exploratory trip of Con Dao. Explore the monuments, museum & the prison to know about the history and mystery of Con Dao Islands.

Day is at leisure.

You may choose to explore the local market and town of Con Dao at your pace.

Or you may simply stimulate and rejuvenate you senses in enjoy each other's company during a private couple spa at an outdoor treatment salas.

Evening is at leisure.

A special farewell dinner will be organized. An intimate candlelit dinner on a secluded spot on the white sandy beach, with elegant setting under the moonlit sky and torches lit around will set the mood for the perfect ambience of a romantic dinner. A private butler will serve you.

**Overnight:** Six Senses Resort

**Meal Plan:** B

#### **Day 12**

##### **CON DAO—Enjoy the Resort at Leisure**

Post a lavish breakfast on the beach; you will be transferred to the airport in a private vehicle for your private charter flight to Ho Chi Minh City to catch your flight ahead.

**Meal Plan:** B