



**Full Itinerary & Trip Details**

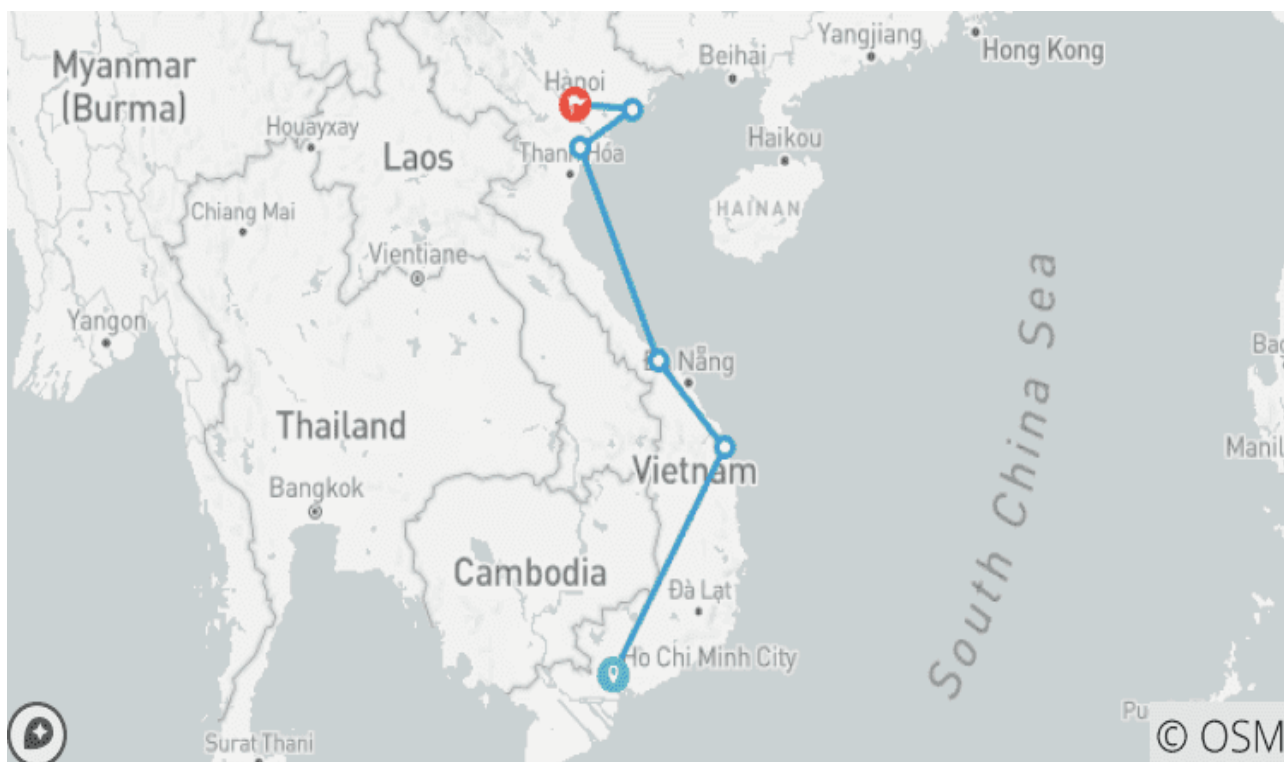
# **Vietnam - One Life Adventures 12 Day**

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# Trip Overview



## PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,031.24

## DURATION

12 days

## IDEAL AGE

From 18 to 45 year olds

## STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Ho Chi Minh City → Hanoi

## OPERATED IN

English

## OPERATOR

One Life Adventures

## TOUR CODE

#238774

# Itinerary

## Introduction

Get ready to experience the best of what Vietnam has while getting you off the beaten track and immersed in local life. Discover unseen parts of the vibrant cities, take a crash course lesson in their national sport, help local NGOs create a better future, and explore all the sights, smells, and tastes of this incredible destination. From village homestays in the remote Pu Long National Park, to having cocktails in the rooftop pool overlooking vibrant cities, or exploring the lesser-known Bai Tu Long Bay on the tip of Ha Long Bay by traditional style boat. This is Vietnam, but not as you know it.

## Arrival

**Start Point**



Ho Chi Minh City,  
Vietnam

Welcome to Vietnam! You will be picked up and transferred to your hotel in HCMC at any time. After you check in, you are then free to explore or chill until you meet the rest of your group for a welcome dinner feast with your new friends. Take a dip in the rooftop pool overlooking the city and get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

## Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, get ready for a cultural experience like no other, learning the national sport called da cao! This is also called “foot badminton” and you will see it played in every park around the country. Learn the basics from one of the local teams we support as part of our community projects. After that, we will head out on a walking tour to see sights and some hidden gems of this incredible city. Refresh back at the hotel before heading to the train station for our overnight train to Da Nang.

## Kayak into Hoi An

Upon arrival, you will be picked up by the team and transferred to the banks of the Thu Bon River where we will have lunch before kayaking into the majestic old town of Hoi An. After a short walk to your hotel to freshen up, you can take a dip in the pool and then head out to explore the area. Near our hotel, you will find the famous Hoi An night market, where you can get your own tailored clothes.

## Hoi An

Rise and shine! Spend the morning cycling through the countryside by small villages and rice fields to a quiet riverbank where we will start collecting plastic that has been dumped all along the river. Enjoy a refreshing sugarcane juice by the river before heading back

to a Hoi An garden house where we will classify the trash to make eco bricks for a local NGO.

An ecobrick is a plastic bottle packed with used plastic to a set density and serve as

reusable building blocks. This project not only helps to clean the riverbank but also builds a good amount of eco bricks that can be used for construction in Quang Nam province's remote areas, and used to build playgrounds and schools. The afternoon is yours to explore however you want (beach time!).

## Open Top Jeep to Hue

After having breakfast at the hotel, you'll travel to Hue (the Imperial City) in style! We will be touring in open-top jeeps starting with making our way up the famous Hai Van Pass! On the way, we will pass a beautiful waterfall, stop for lunch and drive through magical country backroads. After, we will arrive in the historical town of Hue, the old seat of the Nguyen Dynasty, in the afternoon.

## Hue

In the morning, we will hop on the Dragon boat. After making a stop at a pagoda, we will make our way to a local garden situated on the banks of the Perfume River.

Here you will get to experience a traditional Vietnamese cooking class. After the cooking class, you can relax or explore the imperial city until it's time to transfer to Hue Train Station for your night train journey to Pu Luong.

## Ninh Binh to Puluong

Get ready for your trip to one of the most amazing landscape destinations of Vietnam! We will hop on the bus and head to Pu Luong National Park. On the way we will stop for lunch and visit the Chua Ngoc Chau Temple. We will then arrive at our accommodation, a local homestay in Ban Hieu which is nestled between rice paddies and mountains. Visit a waterfall before dinner with local families. Experience incredible off the beaten path scenery all around you and bed down tonight in one of the local houses.

## Puluong National Park

After breakfast with a wonderful valley view, we will start with a short trek down hill, heading to a beautiful traditional rural bamboo lake house where you can bamboo rafting or swim in the crystal clear water. Picnic lunch will be served here by the local family in an amazing setting surrounded by nature.

Get yourself ready after lunch for a waterfall chasing adventure. The guide will take you to his secret route to go up and see the stunning waterfall inside the valley through little trails in the forest. Take in the serene views along the way as you wind through local farms and villages. This truly is a place to unplug and just take in your surroundings.

Trek back by rice fields and farms to the homestay for dinner and drinks.

## To Hanoi

As we say goodbye to our homestay family and scenery in Pu Luong, we can look forward to the hustle and bustle of Hanoi and a stay in a beautiful, boutique hotel! Take it easy in the morning and then after a big breakfast, we head off. We arrive in Hanoi in the afternoon and you'll have time to freshen up and join the rest of your group for a city walk before a feast of local delicacies

## Ha Long & Bai Tu Long Bay

We will jump on our luxury transport to the coast where we will await our traditional boat to take us out into the famous Ha Long Bay. We get away from the crowds by travelling north to Bai Tu Long and more of the untouched locations of Ha Long Bay.

Kayak around the breathtaking scenery around Cap La Island and see the floating fishing villages. Opt to visit one of the secret beaches in Cong Do Island before heading back to our boat for sunset drinks and dinner on the top deck. If you feel like a challenge then you can take part in squid fishing with some of the crew, or you can just sit back with a cocktail and reflect on your journey.

## Thien Canh Cave & Hanoi

Start your day with a chilled Tai Chi routine on the sundeck, or catch a morning view of the stunning bay's landscape with your morning cup coffee. We'll then cruise over to one of the most famous cave systems in the whole bay, Thien Canh Son. After a short trek up past some incredible view points over the secluded bay, you'll be in awe once you step inside the cave. We'll explore the cave and the trails around the island before making our way back to the boat for our trip back to the mainland. On the way back try your hand at the famous Vietnamese fruit & vegetable carving before disembarking and heading back to Hanoi once again.

This is our final night in Vietnam and so we will take you on a guided evening food tour around the best places in Hanoi. From banh mi carts that only locals know about, to famous dumpling stands, the best pho, and of course egg coffee. We'll do it all and finish up with a local rice beer! Truly the perfect end to your Vietnamese adventure.

## Goodbye

**End Point**



Hanoi,  
Vietnam

All good things have to come to an end, and sadly this is our final day in Vietnam together. After your breakfast and maybe a few tears with your One Life family, you can head to the airport at any time.

# What's Included

## Accommodation

- 1 Night in Ho Chi Minh in a central city hotel (Twin-Share)
- 1 Overnight Sleeper train Ho Chi Minh to Da Nang
- 2 Nights in Hoi An
- 1 Night Hue
- 1 Overnight Sleeper train Hue to Ninh Binh
- 2 Nights Pu Luong
- 1 Night Hanoi
- 1 Night Ha Long/Bai Tan Bay
- 1 Night Hanoi

## Guide

Awesome tour guide throughout the tour with lots of experience with taking travellers around Vietnam

## Meals

- 10 Breakfasts
- 6 Lunches
- 4 Dinners

\*\*\*Please understand that while we try and cater for most dietary requirements if your requirements are very specific then it may be more difficult. This is due to the remoteness of the areas we visit and the availability of certain ingredients. There are some areas we visit where it very difficult to even get regular milk, let alone almond milk!\*\*\*

## Transport

All transport including taxis, sleeper trains, buses, vans, kayaks and bicycles!

# Departure Dates

STARTING IN Ho Chi Minh City	→	ENDING IN Hanoi
08 July 2024		19 July 2024
22 July 2024		02 August 2024
05 August 2024		16 August 2024
19 August 2024		30 August 2024
02 September 2024		13 September 2024
16 September 2024		27 September 2024
30 September 2024		11 October 2024
14 October 2024		25 October 2024
28 October 2024		08 November 2024
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# 138 reviews

**Overall rating**



**Guide**



**Transportation**



**Accommodation**



**Meals**



**Jacinta**

Review on May 24th, 2024



Great tour covering many amazing places throughout Vietnam. The day spent cycling through rice paddies in Hoi An was a highlight, as well as the scenery at the homestay. Ha Long Bay was beautiful, kayaking and swimming at a private beach was amazing!



**Ren Seidel**

Review on May 24th, 2024



Wunderbare tour mit toller Gruppen Erfahrung und richtigem Mix aus Unternehmungen und Erholung



**Melissa Metzler**

Review on May 24th, 2024



I really enjoyed this trip, meeting new people from different countries and cultures and the tour guide Danny made it a really special experience, he really wants That the travellers get into the Vietnamese Culture and get many different impressions. During the Trip you nearly travel through whole Vietnam within 12 Days, so there is also a lot of Driving and Transfers



**Amy-lee Fitzpatrick**

Review on May 24th, 2024



This is a great trip. Danny was our guide and Hóá was a guide in training who joined us. They made sure we were well looked after all the way through! Danny even lent me his own shoes when we did a trek on slippery ground and I didn't have the right shoes. Danny is very passionate about his country and this shows in his tour. I learnt a lot about Vietnamese culture. I really like that the direction is northbound so you can finish in halong bay which I think was the highlight for me. We were looked after so well by the crew onboard and the food was so good. I also really enjoyed our kayaking and cycling days. I loved the open top jeep tour also. It's impossible to pick a favourite day. Would travel with one life adventure again in a heartbeat



**Kirsty**

Review on May 24th, 2024



Such an amazing way to explore Vietnam! Danny and Hoà made us feel at home and were always available to answer questions, their passion shines through every interaction. I'd highly recommend joining the tour!

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