



# OPTIONAL TOURS

With English speaking guide and transfers base on Private

Valid 01Nov 2014 - 31 Oct 2015

HA NOI – VIETNAM	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 p	7-10 p	Itinerary
Half day Hanoi city tour + evening water puppet show.	87	49	40	31	29	Halfday tour to visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (CLOSED ON MONDAY & FRIDAY & EVERY AFTERNOON), Ho Chi Minh's former residence, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. In the evening, enjoy a water puppet show.
Full day Hanoi city tour	103	58	47	35	34	A full day to explore the architecture and history of Hanoi. In the morning, visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (CLOSED ON MONDAY & FRIDAY & EVERY AFTERNOON), His former residence, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, visit the Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts, the Lake of Restored Sword, Ngoc Son Temple and the Old Quarter. The tour includes a stop at an ancient Vietnamese "long house".
Duong Lam Village (FD)	143	88	68	51	49	This excursion will take you to the ancient and well-preserved village of Duong Lam. This is a wonderful opportunity to immerse in the calm and tranquil atmosphere of country life and meet the local people. You will explore Mong Phu Village before visiting the Phung Hung and Ngo Quyen Temples. Enjoy lunch at a local house. In the afternoon, we will drive to visit the Thay Pagoda, which was built in the 11th century during the reign of King Ly Nhan Tong. Return by car to Hanoi. [Lunch]
Ha Long Bay in brief	311	165	125	85	78	Drive through green rice paddy fields from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay. Take a delightful cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Ha Long Bay. Visit a grotto of gigantic stalactites and stalagmites and enjoying a seafood lunch onboard before returning to the dock. Drive back to Hanoi in the late afternoon with a stop en route at a ceramic factory. [Lunch]
Craft Villages (HD)	135	76	61	49	47	In the morning, drive to Bat Trang Village, which is renowned for its ceramics. On arrival, take a stroll through narrow lanes of the ancient village to discover and witness the art of pottery and ceramics coming to life. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, you will learn how to shape ceramic products before continuing your trip to Dong Ho Village to see the final products and practicing Dong Ho block printing. Return to Hanoi. [Lunch]
Ky Son day trip (FD)	141	91	79	66	65	Drive to Ky Son Village in the morning. Take a pleasant walk or bike ride around the village to get a taste of the northern countryside lifestyle of Vietnam. Be back to the Moon Garden for a cooking preparation and have your lunch. Relax before setting out on a bike ride to Duong Lam Village with stops for taking pictures, chatting with children and farmers. Visit Mia pagoda, some old houses, the Mong Phu communal house and Ngo Quyen & Phung Hung temples before returning to Ky Son Village. Relax and drive back to Hanoi or to the next destination. [Lunch]
Thay & Tay Phuong Pagodas (HD)	73	38	30	21	20	Depart from central Hanoi and head to the western side of the city. Drive past the rich fertile farmlands of the Red River Delta to Thay (master or teacher) Pagoda. Afterwards, continue to Tay Phuong Pagoda where an incredible collection of Buddhist statues have been kept intact since the 17th century. Drive back to Hanoi.
Ninh Binh Buddhist Land (FD)	165	92	73	63	55	Drive to Ninh Binh. Stop at the Bai Dinh Pagoda which was built in celebration of the 1,000th anniversary of Hanoi in 2010. Visit the largest pagoda complex in Vietnam which is known for holding many records, including a 100-ton statue recognized in 2006 as the tallest and heaviest bronze depiction of Buddha in the country by the Vietnam Guinness Book of Records. Transfer to the But restaurant for a late lunch. After lunch, take a sampan ride through But Cave Complex. Explore the dry cave as well as the water caves. End the trip at Thung Nham dock. Return to Hanoi in late afternoon. [Lunch]

HO CHI MINH CITY – VIETNAM						Itinerary
Halfday city tour + Cu Chi tunnels	125	68	57	41	40	In the morning you will visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels where Vietnamese guerrillas built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels as hideouts during the war. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon for a half-day city tour. Highlights include the Reunification Palace (photo stop), the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Chinatown, the Binh Tay Market and either the Thien Hau Temple.
Ben Tre boat cruise	152	83	67	47	49	Depart for the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival in My Tho, enjoy a boat cruise along the river and take a short walk to a handicraft workshop where products are made from coconut trees. Experience an exciting horse-drawn cart ride to visit a local house where you will enjoy tea and taste home grown fruits. Board a sampan and drift along the narrow, tree-lined canals for further exploration of the Mekong Delta. After lunch, visit a family-run business making coconut candy before returning to My Tho. On the return trip to Ho Chi Minh City, visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda if time permits. Return to Ho Chi Minh City by the late afternoon. [Lunch]
Binh Duong handicrafts (FD)	115	66	54	42	42	A day out from busy Ho Chi Minh City to the handicraft villages in Binh Duong will bring you a different perspective. The pottery and lacquer villages now are slowly trying to bring themselves back to their heyday. Walk in the villages, chat with the workers, explore how products are made, view the local daily activities and a visit to the Hoi Khanh Pagoda with its long reclining Buddha as well as the local busy market will enrich your understanding of Vietnam. Lunch is included with the local duck dish specialty. Drive back to your hotel in the late afternoon after enjoying a cool and refreshing beverage at a local café which won the International Architecture Awards – IAA 2008. [Lunch]