HO CHI MINH City - MEKONG Delta - PHAN THIET-NHA TRANG - DA NANG - BA NA RESORT - HOI AN - HUE - Hanoi - HA LONG Bay - CAT BA Island (17days/16nights)

All the highlights of this stunning country are covered in this compact trip. The history, the old-world charm and the vibrant colour are just some of the things you'll experience on this journey through startlingly beautiful Vietnam. This trip can be started from Hanoi

DAY 1: HO CHI MINH CITY (L, D)

Welcomed at Tan Son Nhat airport and transferred to Hotel. Short city tour to the Reunification Hall, China Town and Thien Hau Pagoda. Welcome dinner on boat to cruise along Sai Gon river to see Saigon by night. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 2: MEKONG DELTA (B, L, D)

A.M. Leave for My Tho town of Tien Giang province (the first province in the Mekong Delta - about 75 km from Ho Chi Minh City). Visit Dong Tam snake-farm and Vinh Trang pagoda. Boat trip on Mekong river to visit the fruit gardens and peasants' houses on a islet. Lunch at a typical restaurant of Mekong Delta. P.M. Return to HoChiMinh City. Shopping. Dinner at Royal restaurant and enjoy special Vietnamese Traditional Dance Show.

DAY 3: HO CHI MINH CITY - PHAN THIET (B, L, D)

Drive to Phan Thiet, a famous beach 200km to the North of Ho Chi Minh City. Check in at a lovely beach resort as Blue Ocean or Bamboo Village. Free bathing with sun and white sand at the resort. Night at the resort.

DAY 4: PHAN THIET (B, L, D)

Enjoy the beach at sunrise. After breakfast visit the famous moving sand-hill of Phan Thiet. Visit Poshanu Cham Tower, Duc Thanh School. Night at the resort.

DAY 5: PHAN THIET - NHA TRANG (B, L, D)

A.M. Visit Phan Thiet Market. Then transfer to Nha Trang city, 250 km North of Phan Thiet which is considered as the best beach of Vietnam. Check in hotel. Relax at the beach in front of the hotel. Seafood dinner. Overnight in Nha Trang.

DAY 6: NHA TRANG - ISLANDS (B, L, D)

Full day boat trip to visit Tri Nguyen Aquarium, Hon Tam Island. Sea-bathing in the blue water beach. You can also enjoy diving or snorkelling at the islands. Night in Nha Trang.

DAY 7: NHA TRANG (B, L, D)

A.M. Drive to Nha Phu Bay and get reach of the Monkey Island by a boat. Visit Monkey Island and admire playfull performances of the monkeys.

P.M. Visit Ponagar Cham tower, Hon Chong Promontory, Long Son Pagoda, Dam Market. Overnight in Nha Trang.

DAY 8: NHA TRANG -HOI AN (B, L, D) (Flight)

Transfer to Nha Trang Airport for flight VN 334 to Da Nang (08:15 - 09:35). Meet and transfer to Hoi An ancient town, 30 km South of Da Nang, one of the World's Cutural Heritage. Visit Japanese Bridge, Chinese Pagoda... Dinner and overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 9: HOI AN - DA NANG - BANA RESORT(B, L, D)

Transfer to Danang for visiting Ngu Hanh (Marble) Mountains, Non Nuoc Beach, Cham

Museum. Continue to Ba Na Mountain Resort by car and get on the resort by telepheric. Visit Ba Na and stay overnight to enjoy the pleasant weather.

DAY 10: BA NA - HUE (B, L, D)

Visit Ba Na. Then transfer to Hue, the old capital city of Vietnam, 120 km from Danang. You will have a chance to view the Hai Van Pass, the most beautiful mountain-pass of Vietnam. Check in hotel. Enjoy a King-style dinner in which you will be dressed and served as the King or the Queen. Night in Hue.

DAY 11: HUE (B, L, D)

A.M. Boat ride along Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda, Minh Mang King's Mausoleum and Hon Chen Temple.

P.M. Visit Tu Duc and Khai Dinh's Mausoleums, Tu Hieu pagoda. Night in Hue.

DAY 12: HUE - HANOI (B, L, D) (Flight)

A.M. Visit Hue Imperial Citadel, Dong Ba Market.

P.M. Transfer to Phu Bai Airport for flight VN 246 to Hanoi (15:00 - 16:05). Meet at Noi Bai airport and transfer to hotel. Evening enjoy Water-puppet show - a Vietnamese famous traditional art. Overnight at hotel.

DAY 13: HANOI (B, L, D)

Full day city tour to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh House-on-stilts, Ho Chi Minh Museum and One-Pillar Pagoda, Hanoi Old Quarter, Temple of Literature (the first University of Vietnam), Restored Sword Lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda. Dinner at Lake-side restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 14: HANOI - HAI PHONG - CAT BA (B, L, D)

A.M. Transfer to Hai Phong seaside city (110 km). Board on a hydrofoil to travel to Cat Ba Island.

P.M. Visit Cat Ba National Park, Trung Trang Cave, Cat Co Beach. Canoe ride around Cat Ba. Overnight in Cat Ba.

DAY 15: CAT BA - HA LONG (B, L, D)

A.M. Boat cruise to Halong Bay to admire thousands of charming islands and natural caves with various shape of stalagmites such as Thien Cung, Dau Go. Lunch on board with seafood.

P.M. Check in hotel. Dinner and overnight in Halong.

DAY 16: HA LONG - HANOI (B, L, D)

AM: Transfer back to Hanoi.

P.M. At leisure or free for shopping. Dinner and enjoy traditional music show. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 17: HANOI - DEPARTURE (B)

Transfer to airport for departure.

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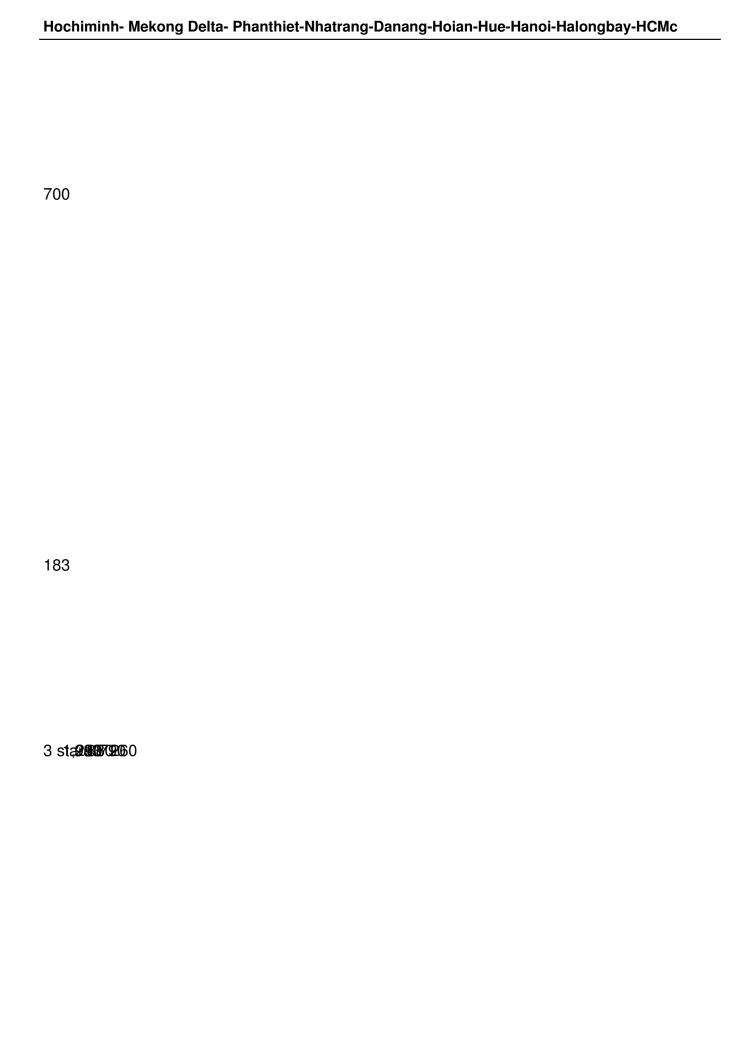
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Tour Cost includes:
<ul> <li>Full transportation by private car or bus as tour program indicated.</li> <li>Full meals as indicated in the itinerary.</li> <li>2 Domestic flights: Nhatrang - Danang., Hue -Hanoi</li> </ul>
- English /French - speaking guide - Entrance fees.
- Private Boat trip in Perfume River, Nhatrang, Tiengiang river in Mytho.
- Hight speedboat ticket : Haiphong - CatBa -Haiphong
- Twin-share accommodation with daily breakfast; ( AC room)
Tour Cost excludes:
<ul> <li>International airport tax in Hanoi (USD \$ 14 net per person)</li> <li>International airfare to/from Vietnam</li> <li>Personal insurance</li> <li>Expenditure of a personal nature, tips, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, emergency transfers &amp; etc.</li> <li>Visa to Vietnam</li> </ul>
Trip Summary:

Where:
Trip starts in Hochiminh and ends in Hanoi
When:
All year round;
Grade:
Moderate to Strenous;
Accommodation: Tourist-class hotels (Standard and clean hotel), Transport: Private car or bus, boat, public ferry, Meals: (B=Breaktast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)