



TOUR PROPOSAL

7 DAYS HANOI - HA LONG BAY- HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA

Tour code: TVT- SIC 905

Valid from: 01 - May - 2018
Until: 30 - Sep - 2018

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: HANOI – ARRIVAL

(Nil)

Pick up at Noi Bai airport & transfer to hotel for check-in (check-in time: after 14:00).

Free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 2: HANOI – SIC TOUR TO VISIT HA NOI CAPITAL

(B/L)

Breakfast at hotel.

AM: 08:00 – 08:30: Free pick up at your hotel. Then visit the **Ho Chi Minh mausoleum** (except Monday & Friday, the whole Oct & Nov) to explore the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the **One Pillar pagoda**, which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 - the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. Then continue on to the **Buddhist Tran Quoc pagoda** at West lake (One of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam). Then visit **Bat Trang pottery village** (applied on Mon, Wed & Fri). Lunch at local restaurant.

PM: After lunch proceed to visit the **Ethnology Museum** (apply on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat), the **Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam**, see Vietnam's first university, constructed in 1070 - it's gardens and well-preserved architecture will offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Take you past **Hoan Kiem Lake** to see the peaceful waters, and the beauty of **Ngoc Son temple**. At the end, journey through **Hanoi's Old Quarter**, where you'll then have a chance for some shopping and exploration. Tour ends around 15h30 - 16h00.

Transfer back to hotel. Overnight in Hanoi.

Notes:

- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is close on Monday and Friday morning.
- The itinerary can be changed due to weather and operating conditions.
- Special request (diet or vegetarian, etc.,) should be sent before your departure date.
- Bat Trang pottery village will be visited on Mon, Wed & Fri (without Ethnology Museum). Ethnology Museum will be visited on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat (without Bat Trang pottery village).

Day 3: HANOI – SIC TOUR TO HA LONG BAY- HANOI

(B/L)

Breakfast at hotel.

+ 08:00-08:30: An open bus will pick you up at hotel to join with other tourists.

+ 8:45: Depart for Ha Long. Enjoy the interesting 3.5 hour drive to Ha Long city. Arrive in Ha Long city, then have lunch before taking a boat trip about 4hrs journey. Cruise through the emerald waters between the limestone outcrops and long corridors, visit THIEN CUNG cave - the most beautiful cave in Ha Long bay during 45 minutes. Back to Ha Long city where your minibus will be waiting for you to take you back to Hanoi. Around 20:30 you will arrive in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 4: HANOI – HO CHI MINH CITY

(B)

Have breakfast at hotel.

Free at leisure. Transfer to Noi Bai airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Pick up at Tan Son Nhat airport and transfer to hotel for check in.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 5: HO CHI MINH CITY – SIC TOUR TO CU CHI TUNNEL

(B)

Breakfast at hotel.

+ 07:30- 07:40: Pick up and send to the meeting point for joining with other tourists.

At 08:00, depart for Cu Chi. Located 60km from HCMC, Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists - **the network of over 200km of tunnels** became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning **underground cities** including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens.

Today, ducks and water buffalos happily co-exist in the rivers along the side of the road. However, the peaceful rural rice paddy scenery belies the area's violent history. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage & defoliation over this whole area, caused by bombing and mines. There is plenty of evidence of the fierce battle that took place here during the 1960s when Cu Chi was a "**Free Target Zone**".

Start our tour in the morning, before entering the tunnels visitors can watch a **short introductory video** showing how the tunnels were constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war).

Return Ho Chi Minh City and drop off at your hotel by a taxi.

The rest of day is at leisure.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 6: HO CHI MINH CITY – SIC TOUR TO MY THO & BEN TRE (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel.

+ 07:30-07:40: Pick up & send to the meeting point for joining with other tourists.

At 08:00, depart for My Tho. Enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green **rice fields**.

On arrived at My Tho, visit **Vinh Trang pagoda**, take a leisurely **boat ride** along the river, view the **stilt houses**, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to **Tortoise islet**, have lunch in the orchard garden. Then a **boat ride** to **An Khanh** – a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre, enjoy cruising on a **hand-rowed sampan** under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals, then enjoy **seasonal fruit & honey tea** to the sound of "**Southern Vietnamese folk music**", performed by locals.

Visit a **family business** which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious **coconut candy** & observe the **pastoral life** as you roam through the fruit plantation and village. Meet the bus and return to HCMC. This trip provides a fascinating insight into daily life in the Mekong Delta and you are guaranteed to take home your own private collection of beautiful memories.

Back to Ho Chi Minh city. Arrive in Ho Chi Minh city at around 17.00 PM. A taxi will send you to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 7: HO CHI MINH CITY – DEPARTURE (B)

Have breakfast at hotel.

Free at leisure. Check out hotel (before 12:00)

Transfer to Tan Son Nhat airport for departure flight (*Pick-up time: Please remind guests to be at hotel lobby 03 hours prior to flight*). End of services.

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