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7 -13 Day Vietnam Culinary Tour Learning From Chefs



CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS – 7-13 Day ITINERARY

Arrival Day 1 Hanoi: US - Hanoi

ARRIVE HANOI Upon arrival in Hanoi, meet your guide and transfer to your hotel.



In the late afternoon you will be taken on a cyclo ride through the French quarter and the Administrative quarter for an orientation tour of the city.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at Pots'nPans with a prime spot on the Chef's corner with the lively open kitchen on display.

If available, the Master Chef Mr. Donald Berger will share with you his working experience around the globe in the finest restaurants, private clubs and hotels.

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Day 2 Hanoi: **Hanoi**



Breakfast in the hotel

This morning, meet with a local Hanoian chef for a market tour who will show you how to select fresh ingredients.

Visit the chef's private home for a hands-on cooking class of Hanoi & Northern Highland cuisine.

Enjoy your own creations at lunch while listening to the chef's personal culinary adventure.

Return to town for a customized city tour including a visit to the Temple of Literature, a cultural symbol and the first University for the sons of mandarins. In the evening, visit the house of a musician couple for a home-cooked dinner with a musical performance of flute and piano by your hosts afterward.

Day 3 Hanoi: **Hanoi – Halong Bay**



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, out of your hotel & meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the pier at Ha long Bay.

Drive to Halong Bay to board the deluxe Au Co ship and check into a spaciouly-designed private cabin that boasts a luxurious bathroom and panoramic balcony.

Cruise through Halong Bay and pass famous spots like Thien Cung and Me Cung caves, plus Soi Sim and Titov islands.

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Activities include a guided kayaking tour or refreshing swim in the Bay's emerald waters.

Dinner on board.

Day 4 Hanoi: Hanoi – CAT BA ISLAND – BAI TU LONG BAY



Wake up early for a Tai Chi class held on the upper deck or just enjoy the breathtaking views of the bay as the boat starts cruising quietly in Lan Ha bay.

Enjoy breakfast on board and cruise towards Cat Ba Island.

After lunch, enjoy a relaxing rowing boat or kayak tour through the floating village of Vung Vieng.

Then depart to Cong Do area while enjoying sunset cocktail on board followed with a special dinner featuring 5 elements of wood, fire, earth, metal and water.

Day 5 Hanoi: Halong – Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An



Breakfast on board.

In the morning, climb up to visit Sung Sot Cave where stalactites hanging from the high ceiling take on numerous shapes and forms.

Arrive at Tuan Chau pier late morning and transfer back to Hanoi airport for the flight to Danang.

Upon arrival in Danang, meet with your private English-speaking driver for your transfer to Hoi An

and check-in at your resort.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the resort or explore on your own.

Day 6 Hanoi: Hoi An

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Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel.

Experience an organic discovery tour with the local farmers in the rural outskirts of Hoi An ancient town.

Start your morning with a leisurely bike ride through the countryside, heading to Tra Que vegetable village, which is named after a sweet scented herb

they grow and use to flavour Hoi An specialties like Cao Lau noodles.

Lunch at leisure on your own – your guide will arrange restaurant – (payment at time of service).

After lunch, meet your guide for a walking tour of the World Heritage-Listed ancient town boasting well-preserved buildings, pedestrianized streets and unique cuisine.

Dinner tonight is at Mango Mango restaurant looking out Thu Bon River where you may have a chance to talk to the owner who has an interesting culinary journey around the world. Try his eclectic and innovative flavors of fusion cuisine.

Day 7 Hanoi: Hoi An



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet with your culinary expert, Neville Dean on a tour to visit the local market in Hoi An to enjoy the tantalizing sights, smells and flavours of local produce.

Zigzag through alleys to savour real street food as the local people do.

The remainder of the afternoon is yours at leisure to enjoy Hoi An.

Dinner is on your own – See Celebration Escapes' restaurant collection for inspired ideas for dinner in Hoi An.

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Day 8 Hanoi: Hoi An - Hue



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & professional local guide for your tour.

Take the scenic drive to Hue – the former Imperial city.

Share a meal with monks in a monastery before continuing with a visit to the Imperial Citadel.

Just out of the city centre we explore the elaborate Khai Dinh royal tomb where the architecture is influenced by both eastern art and western influences.

Dinner is with Master Chef Ms Nhu Huy who grew up in a Royal family to understand her effort to search and preserve ancient recipes.

Day 9 Hanoi: Hue



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver & professional local guide for your tour.

This morning meet again with Ms. Nhu Huy to explore a Hue food tour to gain some advice of how to select the freshest produce and ingredients in a local market, sampling foods throughout the day.

Dinner is a fine dining experience at the Ancient Hue restaurant where you will sample the best in Royal cuisine.

Day 10 Hanoi: Hue – Saigon

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Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight to Saigon.

(FLIGHT) Upon arrival, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in baggage area and transfer downtown and experience a first glimpse of Saigon's commercial centre.

Check into your hotel. Leave bags with the concierge.

Transfer to Dong Khoi Street or Rue Catinat as it was known in the time of the French occupation, to discover some of the beautiful French colonial buildings built in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Dinner this evening is an opportunity to sample some of southern Vietnam's favourites on a vespa culinary tour through the city.

Day 11 Hanoi: Saigon – Binh Duong



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

With more than 300 years of history, Binh Duong is also the cradle of typical traditional handicrafts such as lacquer ware and pottery.

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Drive over Ong Co Bridge to get to the private residence of this talented chef, who has made great contributions to sharing Vietnamese culinary culture around the world.

Enjoy a walk around her gardens by the riverside and learn of her books and tales from around the world.

Lunch with the Chef

After lunch, you will meet some of the special handcraft experts and watch demonstrations of their talents, with the opportunity to purchase the precious remembrances.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for ideas on dinner restaurants.

Day 12 Hanoi: Saigon – Mekong Delta



Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

Depart for a drive from Saigon to Ben Tre, one of the country's southern provinces, situated in the Delta of the Mekong River.

Get on a tri-motor cycle ride to enjoy the lush surroundings of rice paddies and fruit farms alongside the narrow village roads.

At the waterfront, board the charming Mango Cruise for a glimpse at the Delta scenery while enjoying coconut juice.



Throughout the day enjoy sampling and witnessing the creation of local cottage industries as you cycle, walk and sampan cruise through the Mekong.

Complete your trip with a farewell dinner at Ngon restaurant - set up like a local food market allowing you to choose your favorite dishes from your culinary journey through Vietnam.

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Day 13 Hanoi: Saigon – US & Home

Breakfast in your hotel.

You are at leisure until it is time to depart.

At the appropriate time, meet your Private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DEPART SAIGON Free time until you transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

End of Services.

***NOTE: This is sample itinerary with no selected accommodation suggested unless otherwise stated. International airfares are not included unless otherwise specified within the detailed proposal – please contact our team to tailor this itinerary to your personal specifications.**

**** It is recommended that you consider adding additional days to your custom itinerary, in order to have a more comprehensive visit in each of the destinations contained within the itinerary. This short 7-day trip is a highlights trip and will only give you a brief overview of each destination.**

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