

The Children's Bridge – Vietnam Homeland

ITINERARY (sample)

Day 1 (28/4) : Arrival – Ho Chi Minh City

meals: no

Upon your arrival, meet the English-speaking tour guide at the airport gate exit and you will be driven to your hotel for check in. Relax while you adjust to the new time zone and surroundings

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 2 (29/4): Ho Chi Minh City

meals: B/L/D

After breakfast, **8.00AM** meet your guide at the hotel lobby and then enjoy a visit to a **local elementary school** to get a first hand glimpse of the education system in Vietnam. Visit to the **History Museum**, which displays antiques of the Phu Nam civilization, Cham arts and Mekong Delta arts.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you can visit the **Dam Sen Water Park** where kids play and all can cool off in the heat of the day and have some relaxing fun in the water.

In the evening, experience a dinner cruise on board a vessel along the Ho Chi Minh City River.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 3 (30/4): Ho Chi Minh City - Vinh Long - Can Tho

meals: B/L

8.00AM Today take a scenic drive to **Vinh Long**, where you will get on a sampan for a small cruise and enjoy this beautiful area of the Mekong Delta. Next your family will visit **a brick kiln and a floating market**, a truly fascinating experience. Follow this with a visit to the well-known **Mr. Sau Giao's bonsai garden**, where you will be treated to lunch. Then take a short sightseeing bike ride tour of Vinh Long. This will include seeing the **Ngoc Vien Pagoda**, as well as visiting local people's houses, and a stop at **the historic Vinh Long church**. Then rest while you are driven to Can Tho (around 3.5 hours) where you will check in to the hotel.

Overnight in Can Tho

Day 4 (1/5): Can Tho – Ho Chi Minh City

meals: B/L

You will have a boat trip on Mekong River and visit the **Cai Rang floating market** for a memorable shopping excursion. In the afternoon, drive back to Ho Chi Minh City via the scenic Sadec area and **visit Rose Garden of Mr. Tu Ton**, which is sure to delight all ages.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 5 (2/5): Ho Chi Minh city tour half day

meals: B/L

Morning: Free time

12.00PM The guide will pick up you for lunch. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the main tourist attractions of the colonial Saigon: the former Presidential Palace , the old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street, the Town Hall.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 6 (3/5): Ho Chi Minh – DaNang – Hoi An (Fly1: HAN DAD)

meals: B/L

Flight from Ho chi Minh to **DaNang. 7.30AM** Your driver and guide will pick you up at the airport

When the plane lands in Danang, Please meet your guide at the airport gate exit upon your arrival in DaNang.

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Lunch at a local restaurant. Then, you will be escorted to visit **the Asia Park** to explore various types of fascinating Rides and Attractions themed distinctively around several Asian Countries.

Drive to Hoi An. Check in & relax

Overnight in Hoian

Day 7 (4/5):Hoi An

meals: B/L

8.00 AM Drive to **Hoi An's old town** where you will discover the historic part of the city which used to be a prosperous seaport city during the 16th to 18th centuries. Its sizeable community of foreign merchants created a unique architectural style with Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese influences. You will have a walking tour in Hoi An to the Chinese Assembly Hall & Temples, old houses & Japanese Covered Bridge.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, free time

Overnight in Hoian

Day 8 (5/5): Hoi An

meals: B

Today, you will have full day to enjoy and relax on the beach while you absorb local culture as well as the resort's fun activity options.

Overnight in Hoian

Day 9 (6/5): Hoi An (Enjoy the eco-tour today in Hoi An – HR02)

meals: B/L

08:00 Depart from your hotel

Spend a day leisurely cycling through the scenic countryside of Vietnam, the noise of the city a distant memory.

9:30 After passing through town and along quiet roads, you will come to **Tra Que vegetable village** - About 150 farmers and 400 owners live here and cultivate about 20 types of vegetables and herbs including mint, lettuce, basil, cilantro, broccoli among others. More than 40 hectares of land and 8 tons of Tra Que vegetables are sold every year. The vegetable growers do not use pesticides or GMOs, instead they rely on a seaweed that is found in the local river that is harvested by boat every morning.

10:00 At Tra Que village you will be warmly welcomed by Mr.Minh and his family – a 3 generation with a refreshing 'basil juice, and after your welcome drink you can stroll through the village and meet local people who work in the garden.

11:00 The local farmers will teach you their cultivation methods, and how to protect developing vegetables from the insects. You will also join the farmers in gardening activities such as raking the ground, sowing, watering greens, transplanting, and tending greens.

After working on the farm you can relax a traditional therapeutic foot bath with medicinal herbs.

Your next adventure is to prepare lunch with a local family. You will learn how to make 'Tam Huu' spring roll and 'Banh Xeo' pancake, which you will then be able to enjoy along with other local Vietnamese delicacies.

13:30 After lunch you will be able to rest before returning to your hotel at 14:00

Overnight in Hoian

Day 10 (7/5): Hoi An – DaNang – Hanoi Hotel (Fly 2: DAD HAN)

meals:B/L

After breakfast, **08:00AM** you will be escorted to the Da Nang airport and fly to Hanoi for a day of cultural highlights of North Vietnam. Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will meet your guide and driver and be escorted to your hotel.

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1.00PM Have lunch & will get to have a tour of Hanoi, which includes the **Temple of Literature** built in the 11th century as Vietnam's first University & Fine-**Art Museum**. This evening, you may enjoy the traditional **water puppet show**, which is a unique Vietnamese art and is one the whole family is sure to appreciate

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 11 (8/5): Free time

meals:B

Enjoy and relax in Hanoi

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 12 (9/5): Hanoi – Halong

meals: B/L/D

07:20 The group guide & car will be at your hotel to pick up you
11:45 Arrive in Hon Gai pier and boarding operations
12:45 The Cruise Manager will give a welcome speech with all the cruise information and Safety instructions.
13: 15 Enjoy the lunch with the best products of the Bay.
14.45 Visit the Vung Vieng floating fishing village by kayaking 15.30-16.30 If you want to relax on the boat instead of participating in other activities feel free to use our sauna at no extra cost.
17:00 -18:30 Happy Hour: buy 01 get 01 free
17:30 The Cooking Demonstration is waiting for you to discover the secrets of Vietnamese Cuisine.
19:00 Enjoy set menu dinner on board
21:00 Join the Squid Fishing activity. Free time on the boat.
The bar is open late to serve you. Overnight at Cong Do Area.

Day 13 (10/5): Halong Bay - Hanoi

meals: B/L

06:30 Practice one of the oldest traditions of East Asia: Tai Chi – A beautiful and relaxing experience on the open deck. Tea and coffee are served.

07:00 Light breakfast is served.

07:30 Explore Thien Canh Son cave in Ha Long Bay. Witness its beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. Note: there are about 200 steps to get up to the cave.

09:00 Check out time.

Please put your luggage outside the cabin and the key at the reception desk.

Our staff will transfer your luggage to our lounge for you. Bill settlement at the reception desk.

09:30 Brunch is served at the restaurant on the 2nd deck.

10:45 The boat arrives at the pier.

In Vietnam, we never say “Goodbye” we always say “See you again”

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Day 14 (11/5): Free day in Hanoi

meals: B

Enjoy and relax in Hanoi

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 15 (12/5): Hanoi – Canada

meals: B

After breakfast, you will meet you guide and driver who will escort your family to the airport for your flight back to Canada. Catch up on your journal entries on the plane ride home while you cross the International Date Line and return home the same day you departed.