

# Happy in Vietnam

## THE EXPERIENCE

The legacy and history of central Vietnam are incredibly rich. Get a glimpse of the Central Vietnam, you'll visit three fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Hue's Imperial City, Hoi An's ancient town, and the enigmatic My Son sanctuary. The major attractions are obviously history, culture and fantastic nature on the way you travel along the central coastline, and picturesque drives up the Hai Van Pass if you're looking for something different.

### Day 1 : Arrival Danang Airport

Upon arriving at Danang international airport, our bus & tour guide will pick you up at the airport and then transfer to Laluna Hoi An Riverside Hotel. Check in at the hotel, relax until we meet later this evening for our group dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Laluna Hoi An Riverside Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Meals: D

### Day 2 : Bicycle Tour to Discover Rural Vietnam

Spend a day leisurely cycling through the scenic countryside of Vietnam, far from the traffic the motor scooters, and the noises of the city. You will cross the islands on the Song Thu river delta using local transportation.

This tour will take you to discover how wooden river boats are made, learn the secret of weaving the colorful straw "Hoi An" sleeping mats Try the renowned Vietnamese basket boats and much more You will spend the day with first-hand contact with one of the rural inhabitant of the region, far from the usual tourist circuits. At lunchtime you will be invited into the home of a local Vietnamese family for a traditional Vietnamese meal, and learn their customs and traditions. After you have relaxed for a while under the shade of a mango tree, you will begin your return towards Hoi An by boat, which will take about 35 minutes. Back to the hotel.

Departure 8:30 AM and return 3 PM (times are approximate)

Laluna Hoi An Riverside Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Meals: B, L

### Day 3 : Free Day

Enjoy an included breakfast at our hotel. Today is yours to enjoy how you please!

Hotel: Laluna Hoi An Riverside Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Meals: B

### Day 4 : Sabirama Cooking Tour with Mr. Quy

Complimentary Breakfast at the Hotel. We will leave the hotel at 10:30 am for the coolest cooking adventure ever! This tour features a walk around the local market, private boat excursion, a ride on a water buffalo, foot massages, and of course cooking classes. Tour includes lunch (Recommended attire, tennis shoes, shorts, bathing suit, sunscreen)

Hotel: Laluna Hoi An Riverside Hotel (Deluxe Room)

Meals: B, L

### Day 5 : Hoian-Hue Imperial City

After breakfast at the hotel, our private bus and guide will pick us up from our hotel at 8 AM. We depart Hoi An and make our way to the ancient Vietnamese capital of Hue. The journey takes you on a 3-hour drive through the Hai Van Pass which is one of the most breathtaking

routes in Vietnam. In addition to the amazing views of the mountains and ocean, you will see many US military bunkers from the war.

We arrive around noon in Hue and you will have free time to discover the city. This afternoon, we will have an optional Motorbike countryside tour (\$25)

Hotel: Alba Hotel

Meals: B

## **Day 6 : Hue Half Day City Tour**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. At 8:30 AM, we will tour the ancient city of Hue to visit the Imperial capital including the Imperial Citadel, Thien Mu Pagoda, which is listed as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Sitting on the banks of the delightful Perfume River you will find amazing citadels, fabulous palaces, and royal tombs (Minh Man King, Gia Long King, Chai Dinh King, and more). Many of the sites can be reached by river and this makes an excellent way to see the city. After visiting the pagoda you will take a dragon boat along the Perfume River to see these amazing sites.

Hotel: Alba Hotel

Meals: B

## **Day 7 : Hue-Phong Nha**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart at 9 AM to travel to Phong Nha. Our journey is roughly a 3 hour drive. Phong Nha is in the heart of the cave region of Vietnam. On the way we will visit the Vinh Moc Tunnels which was an underground network of tunnels used during the war. Then, you will arrive at our homestay hotel visit to relax.

Hotel: Restful River Bungalow

Meals: B

## **Day 8 : Paradise Cave and Phong Nha**

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Today, we will discover Paradise Cave – the longest dry cave in Asia and Phong Nha Cave treks. You will then be taken by golf cart (1.6 km) from the main gate through the jungle, to where you will then climb to the mouth of the cave; a climb that boasts spectacular views of the mountain region around the cave. At 12:30 PM, you will enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant in Phong Nha village. The lunch will include a traditional Vietnamese dish (vegetarian option available).

After lunch around 1:30 PM, we will depart the Phong Nha Cave. We will then take a 25 minute ride to the cave by a traditional dragon boat. This cave is called a water cave as it exhibits an underground river. After going into the cave by boat, you will explore 300 meters into the cave on foot. Then, you will be taken back by boat. This cave is famous for its spectacular rock formations. It has been given such names as the “Lion”, the “Fairy Caves”, the “Royal Court”, and the “Buddha”.

We will arrive back to our hotel around 5 PM.

Hotel: Restful River Bungalow

Meals: B, L

## **Day 9 : Cha Loi Discovery**

Be prepared today, as we will embark on a 4-5 mile jungle hike, swim in caves, and view waterfalls.

At 8:30 AM, we will go to Sung village to be provided with some specialized and necessary equipment for cave exploration (flashlight, shoes, gloves, etc.). Our tour guide will show you how to use the equipment for your adventure, as well as share some principles for cave exploration. After that, you will experience the unique feature of Hang Nuoc Cave, also known as Ong Giap Cave (according to locals). This trek is inside a cave that requires guests to walk,

climb and swim. It's not technical, but if you have knee issues, or are not in good physical shape you should not consider entering the cave. We can arrange a cultural tour. After experiencing Hang Nuoc, you will arrive at A72 information station entrusted with the task of ensuring communication for the Southern battlefield. Many important Viet Com commands were transmitted in this cave from 1971-1973.

Then, you will journey to discover Cha Loi Cave. Here, visitors will experience many activities like walking, climbing, crawling, and swimming to experience the 4 KM+ journey inside the cave. During this discovery trip, you will get to take many pictures of beautiful spots inside the cave. In addition to admiring the magnificent stalactite system and adventure experience, visitors will come to see the beautiful Tunnel of Love.

At 2 PM, you will venture out of the cave to enjoy lunch with a local restaurant. After lunch, you will have some time to relax.

Hotel: Overnight in Dong Hoi City

Meals: B,L,D

### **Day 10 : Journey Back to Danang for Street Food Tour!**

After breakfast, we will depart at 9 AM to travel to Danang. This journey has an estimated driving time of 6.5 hours. We will stop on the way at Hue City for an optional group lunch. We expect to arrive in Danang between 4-5 PM. Today, we will meet for our group's Farewell Dinner.

Hotel: Sofiana Hotel Danang

Meals: B

### **Day 11 : Departure**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will depart back home.

Meals: B