



FLAVOURS OF VIETNAM - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024/2025)

Discover the many flavours of Vietnamese culture and cuisine on a fun and informative journey designed for foodies who like to travel in style.

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Asia, Vietnam



8 days from AU\$10,915 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

Discover the many flavours of Vietnamese culture and cuisine on a fun and informative journey designed for foodies who like to travel in style. Sample iconic dishes, visit local markets and meet with local farmers in the Mekong Delta. Frame this mouthwatering experience with welcome and farewell dinners at two spectacular local restaurants that each earned a Michelin star.

Journey Highlights

- Experience the contrast of Vietnam’s two largest cities, traditional Hanoi and modern Ho Chi Minh City
- Sail through breathtaking seascapes on an overnight cruise on stunning, karst-island dotted Ha Long Bay
- Dine at two Michelin-starred restaurants, Gia in Hanoi and Anan in Ho Chi Minh City
- Experience life as a local in Ho Chi Minh City, riding on the back of a Vespa scooter through the alleys and sampling Vietnamese delicacies in hidden-away places
- Explore the rural landscapes of the Mekong Delta, where you visit local farmers



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam

Arrive in Hanoi, the cultural heart of Vietnam, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi | Legacies & Landmarks

After breakfast, visit Ho Chi Minh’s house, a simple structure located among banyan and milkweed trees, which served as home to the revolutionary guerrilla leader who pursued independence for Vietnam. Continue to the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda, dating back to the first Vietnamese empire independent from China. Next, visit the Temple of Literature, Hanoi’s first university, and then enjoy lunch at a fascinating local restaurant. Stop at a special café for a cup of Hanoi’s famous egg coffee, before continuing to Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton,” where American prisoners of war were once confined. Return to your hotel for a welcome cocktail and canapés. This evening, set out for a welcome dinner at Gia, a Michelin-starred restaurant serving dishes that draw inspiration from the cuisines of Vietnam’s diverse cultures.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Hanoi | Charms of the Old Quarter

Ride by cyclo (rickshaw) around Hanoi’s Old Quarter, and then explore Hanoi town on foot on a guided walking tour. Taste Hanoian street food and specialties, including pho and bun cha, as well as local beers or drinks along the way, for a unique Chef’s Table experience. Return to the hotel with your afternoon at leisure, free to relax or take advantage of your hotel’s amenities. Later, gather for a traditional water puppet show, a colourful and captivating experience at Thang Long Theatre. Tonight, head out for dinner at another top local restaurant.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Ha Long Bay | Cruising Among the Karsts

Travel to the shores of the Gulf of Tonkin, where you board your vessel, Heritage, for a cruise of picturesque Ha Long and Lan Ha bays. Relax on deck as Heritage snakes its way past countless islets, their striking karst outcrops rising dramatically from the emerald waters. Once anchored, begin exploring this secret hideaway of beaches, caves and coves. Later, watch a sunset framed against the Gulf of Tonkin on a mesmerising Scenic Sundowner. Tonight, gather for dinner at the onboard restaurant, and then retire to your cabin to enjoy a restful night's sleep as the waves lap gently against the hull.

Heritage | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Ha Long Bay & Ho Chi Minh City | Sunrise Over the Bay Of Tonkin

Begin with optional traditional morning exercises on the sundeck, followed by breakfast. Set out for a morning excursion among the towering limestone pinnacles. Return for brunch on board as Heritage sails home to port. Disembark and drive to Hai Phong for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Check in and relax, with your evening at leisure.

The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BL

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City | Design Your Day

Start your day with a cyclo ride to a Tao Dan Park. Stroll through this neighbourhood gathering place, and observe the locals partaking in their morning rituals, from tai chi practice to a game of badminton. Stop for a cup of freshly brewed Vietnamese Coffee before continuing to a local shop serving up Banh Mi — a crispy, light baguette stuffed with egg or other fillings, such as pâté, cold cuts, and pickled vegetables. Afterward, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Discover Vietnamese Coffee and Culture** with a local barista and learn how to brew some of the country’s popular coffee blends.
- **Savour the Ultimate Noodle Experience**, venturing beyond pho to sample other types of noodles from street vendors in small alleys and local neighbourhoods.
- **Cycle the Countryside** through villages, past vegetable gardens, the local market and agricultural landscapes, observing authentic local life along the way.

Tonight, immerse yourself in Ho Chi Minh City’s buzzing nightlife, riding a vintage Vespa through lively street traffic, stopping at a historic bridge to tip back a signature Vietnamese drink and take in an enchanting view of the riverside. Then, zip through side streets and alleyways to find hidden-away food stalls and restaurants.

The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BD

Day 7: Ho Chi Minh City | Waterways of the Mekong Delta

Drive to My Tho in the Mekong Delta, where you board a traditional wooden boat to Thoi Son island. Disembark to visit a fish farming family as well as a mushroom farm and grapefruit orchard. Stop for lunch at the island’s lodge before cruising back to the mainland, returning to Ho Chi Minh City by late afternoon. After some time to relax and freshen up at your hotel, gather for an outing to the Michelin-starred restaurant Anan, for an unforgettable farewell dinner. Afterward, retire to the rooftop bar for treats such as a chocolate marshmallow dessert or a beautifully crafted cocktail, all served up with bird’s eye views of the city.

The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Depart Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, privately transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal air included: Hai Phong/Ho Chi Minh City

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi



The beautiful French-colonial style Sofitel Metropole is located in the heart of Hanoi just a short walk from the vibrant Old Quarter. Sofitel Metropole wonderfully combines old and new with its colonial style rooms in the original hotel and the contemporary rooms in the modern Opera wing. A spa and outdoor pool makes this the perfect retreat in the centre of Hanoi.

After a day visiting museums, bartering in the shops and visiting Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, relax in a rattan armchair at the poolside bar, Bamboo, while sipping a signature cocktail. Enjoy an exquisite Vietnamese dinner at Spices Garden Restaurant in the courtyard or sample the best French cuisine in town at Le Beaulieu.

Why we like it

- One of the grand old colonial hotels of Southeast Asia
- Excellent central location walking distance from the Old Quarter
- Blend of old world colonial charm and contemporary modern living
- Three amazing restaurants to choose from – French, Vietnamese and International

The Reverie Saigon



The Reverie is located in one of the city's most prestigious addresses with unrivalled views. The hotel has no comparison with a style of Italian design and luxury not seen in Vietnam before. The 62 luxury suites and 224 luxury rooms have been designed by the finest Italian interior designers; Colombostile, Giorgetti, Provasi and Visonaire. The hotel's restaurants all offer inspired fine dining and world-class service. The top-shelf bar is one of the places to be seen, whilst the luxurious spa offers the perfect escape from the buzz of the city.

Why we like it:

- One of the most luxurious hotels in the city
- A hotel created for those that like to stand out from the crowd
- Fully non-smoking -unusual for Ho Chi Minh City
- Renowned for its opulent interior designs
- The highest hotel in the city with panoramic views from the floor to ceiling windows.

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Dec 5, 2024 - Dec 12, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$10,915 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

Jan 8, 2025 - Jan 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Jan 20, 2025 - Jan 27, 2025

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Feb 17, 2025 - Feb 24, 2025

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Feb 24, 2025 - Mar 3, 2025

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Mar 24, 2025 - Mar 31, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Apr 9, 2025 - Apr 16, 2025

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