

# Throughout Vietnam School Tour Package

**Duration:** 12 Days/ 11 Nights

**Tour Route:** Hanoi – Halong Bay – Ninh Binh – Danang – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City

**Start/ End:** Hanoi/ Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 1: Hanoi Arrival – Water Puppet Show (L, D)

**Highlights of this Day:** Water Puppet Show

On arrival in Noi Bai Airport in Hanoi, your students will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel for check-in.

Students will be free to relax after a long flight. In the late afternoon, all will gather and transfer to Thang Long Water Puppet Theater for a-hour Water Puppet Show, which they can learn more about Vietnamese cultures in the great mix of lights, sounds, and art performances. Dinner and overnight in Hanoi

## Day 2: Hanoi City Tour – Bat Trang Ceramic Village (B, L, D)

**Highlights of this Day:** Ho Chi Minh Complex, Temple of Literature, Bat Trang Ceramic Village

Today, reach Ho Chi Minh complex where students can know about President Ho Chi Minh – the greatest leader of Vietnam. The complex includes Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, his house on stilts, the Presidential Palace, One-pillar Pagoda, and Ho Chi Minh Museum.

Later, head to Temple of Literature – the first university in Vietnam built the early 11<sup>th</sup> century. This is the destination that all Vietnamese students wish to visit before their important tests. Lunch at KOTO restaurant as known as Know One Teach One

In the afternoon, transfer to Bat Trang Ceramic Village where students can learn how to make ceramic objects. After being trained, they will have a chance to make themselves their own ceramic products and keep them as their souvenirs. Return to Hanoi for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B, L, D)

**Highlights of this Day:** Halong Bay, evening party

Today, take 180km to Halong Bay, which was recognized by UNESCO as the World Natural Heritage in 1994 and 2000.

On arrival, we will board our overnight cruise and savour a delicious seafood lunch.

We will be passing through several limestone islands, kayaking among the hidden areas of the Bay, swimming at Soi Sim Beach or trekking to the top of the island.

In the evening, students will join the party on cruise including seafoods, singing performances,... Overnight on cruise.

#### **Day 4: Halong Bay – Ninh Binh (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Tai Chi Session, Halong Bay Kayaking & Swimming

Today, participate in Tai Chi session with the master. Later, students will have a chance to kayak and swim around Halong Bay.

After lunch on cruise, return to the harbor, get on the coach and transfer to Ninh Binh. Dinner and overnight in Ninh Binh.

#### **Day 5: Ninh Binh Temple Tour – Bear Sanctuary (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Temples of Vietnamese Kings, Bear Sanctuary

Today, students will have more interesting information about two great kings in Vietnam history King Le Dai Hanh and King Dinh Tien Hoang and through a visit to their temples.

In the afternoon, transfer to the Bear Sanctuary where students bears are rescued and taken care. They will have a lot of activities with these animals including making foods for them, watching their daily life...

Learning about bears, purchasing some souvenirs related to bears will help students raise their awareness of protecting endangered animals. Dinner and overnight in Ninh Binh.

#### **Day 6: Ninh Binh – Hanoi – Fly to Danang (B, L, D)**

Today, return to Hanoi and take a flight to Danang. The rest of the day is your students' leisure to explore this energetic city.

### **Day 7: Danang – Ba Na Hills – Hoi An (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Ba Na Hills, Golden Bridge

After breakfast, transfer to Ba Na Hills by cable car. It is the amusement park with a mountain of entertainment activities and the famous Golden Bridge. Buffet lunch at Ba Na Hills

In the afternoon, farewell to Ba Na Hills and head to Hoi An Ancient Town. Dinner and overnight in Hoi An Ancient Town.

### **Day 8: Hoi An Farming and Boating Tour – Cooking Class (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Farming Tour, Boating Tour, Cooking Class

Today, transfer to Tra Que vegetable village and let your students be the farmers which learn how to grow vegetable including ploughing, seeding, watering, and harvesting.

Later, students will have a chance to experience the unique bamboo basket boats with skillful and funny boatmans.

In the afternoon, students will learn how to cook Vietnamese traditional dishes with chefs. They will use vegetables harvested this morning and prepare their dinner themselves with the guide of professional chefs. Overnight in Hoi An.

### **Day 9: Hoi An – Danang – Ho Chi Minh City (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Ben Thanh Market

Today, return to Danang and take a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. In the late afternoon, visit Ben Thanh Market, the largest one in this city where your students will have the true experiences of Vietnamese lifestyle. It is also the best place to find street foods and souvenirs in Ho Chi Minh City. Dinner and overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

## **Day 10: Cu Chi Tunnels & City Tour (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Cu Chi Tunnels, Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, Saigon Post Office

After breakfast, head to Cu Chi Tunnels to explore the reason why Vietnamese soldiers can defeat the American troops in the Vietnam War. Student will have a chance to touch the real tanks, discover the underground life.

Next, transfer to Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office to see the variety of architectures in Ho Chi Minh City and listen to their historical stories. Dinner and overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

## **Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta Community Works (B, L, D)**

**Highlights of this Day:** Local market, brick kilns, traditional house, cycling tour

After breakfast, our guide and driver will take us to the **Mekong Delta**. The program will start with a boat cruise along the small canals in the Mekong Delta. We then visit some cottage industries where we can see how to make rice paper, coconut candy and pop-rice, popcorn...It is so interesting to visit the handicraft village where you can see how they make some special products: making rice-net for spring rolls, fish sauce & soya sauce, cooking salt, sewing coconut-leaves for cottage roof... Lunch will be served at a local house.

After lunch, we will ride the bike to the project site (house building/school). Leaders will divide into small groups. We start our project. This will take the form of practical building and some laboring tasks as we construct a house for an impoverished family in this remote region. Breaking into groups, there will be a variety of tasks to undertake each day of the project from layering bricks, mixing cement, assembling frames, hammering, sawing and transporting of materials.

Dinner and overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)

Your final day starts with breakfast at the hotel followed by check-out. You will then be transferred to the airport for the departure flight

### Inclusions:

- 11-night accommodation with daily breakfast as per detail itinerary
- Transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle with experienced driver (35-seater)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary with Indian food or no-beef, no-pork meals where Indian food is not available (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- English-speaking tour guides. He or she will provide you with the best local knowledge available.
- Entrance fees & permits
- Boat excursions in Halong Bay
- Bottle of drinking water
- Tip for guide and driver

### Exclusions:

- Domestic, International flights and airport taxes
- Vietnam E-Visa
- Travel insurance
- Other meals which are not indicated above
- Surcharge and Compulsory dinners (if any)
- Beverages in the restaurants where meals are included
- Personal and other expenses such as porter, bar bills and laundry not stated in the itinerary.

### Hotels & Cruise

- Hanoi: 3-star Flower Garden Hotel – ROH Room
- Halong Bay: 3-star Calypso Cruise – ROH Cabin
- Danang: 3-star White Sand Hotel – Deluxe room
- Hoi An: 3-star Kim An Hotel – Deluxe room
- Ho Chi Minh City: Ramanda Saigon – ROH Room