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Great Village Holidays

# Vietnam Made Easy Tour

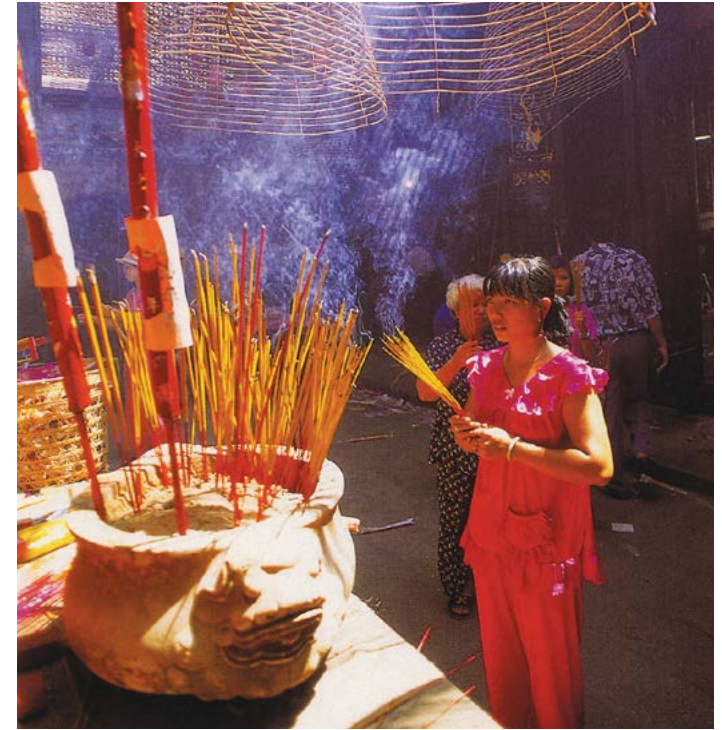
Departs every week of the year. 12 days

This is one of our most popular options ever – and it's easy to see why. Your 12 days away make it short enough for you to conveniently put your life on hold at home, but long enough for you to fully unwind as you discover the seductive magic that is Vietnam.

You travel freely independent, without an escort, yet comfortable and relaxed because everything has been done for you. All your planning is taken

care of by us, including: your own chauffeur driven air-conditioned private car, with English speaking guide, between destinations; top quality hotels located in the most sought after areas within easy walking distance of the best sights; travel by air, boat and rail, the length of Vietnam.

Vibrant cities, spectacular natural beauty, friendly locals – from cosmopolitan Ho-Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in the south to ancient Hanoi in the north, including rural villages, magnificent forests, floating markets, perfect beaches, outstanding world heritage sites (featuring our cost-included 5-star luxury cruise on awe-inspiring Halong Bay) and fusion food to die for: a truly wonderful holiday experience.



## Day 1. Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)

Arrive today into Ho Chi Min City or Saigon as the locals still call it. Be met by your guide and driver who will take you to your centrally located French Colonial hotel. Today has been left free to explore the delights of Saigon at your own pace. Although little evidence is left, the region has been marred by years of war and a visit to the War Remnants Museum is a poignant reminder to the American War (as it is called in Vietnam). The Museum is an easy walk from the hotel and last admission is at 4.30pm. Tonight we recommend a visit to Chinatown (Cholon District) or a dinner cruise on the Saigon River – Daily breakfast is included at your hotel.

## Day 2. Mekong Delta

After breakfast depart at 8.00am with your English-speaking guide and travel by car to Cai Be where you start your three and a half hour cruise to experience the wonders of the Mekong Delta. An unforgettable travel day as you revel in the exotic atmosphere of floating markets, visit local villages, take an included lunch at an old garden house on an island, listen to traditional music and either cycle through the islands or use rowing boats to explore further on the water. You leave the cruise at Vinh Long Town and return with our guide to Saigon around 7.00pm. A long but memorable day.

## Day 3. Saigon

At Leisure for you to wander and explore.



## Day 4. Saigon/ Hoi An

Mid morning flight to Da Nang City where you will be met by your English-speaking guide and transferred the 30kms along the new coastal road to picturesque Hoi An. Accommodation is at a 4 star hotel set on the banks of the Thu Bon River just a short stroll from the centre of the old town. A true resort with lovely gardens, open air restaurant, swimming pool, complete with pool bar and each night overlooking the river

## Day 5. Hoi An

Relax in this World Heritage Town that was once a thriving port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders: Hoi An has a unique ambience with its tile roofed houses and narrow streets giving it a distinctly Chinese feel. No cars may enter 'Old Town' and on Saturdays it is also motorcycle free making it the ideal place on your holiday to stroll and soak up the atmosphere of a unique Vietnamese town. Hoi An is also one of the best places in Asia to have clothes made.

Eating is a real treat with some wonderful restaurants that offer both Western and Asian cuisine and of course the town takes on another perspective after dark. There is plenty to keep you busy, visit the local markets, do a cooking class or cycle through the tranquil & beautiful countryside on an eco-bike tour or spend some time at the nearby beach.

## Day 6. Hoi An / Hue Rail Journey

Late morning your guide will call at the hotel to transfer you to Da Nang Railway Station where they will stay with you until you are safely seated on the Reunification Express Train. Departure on this 3-hour journey will be at 1.00pm and is the most scenic section of the Ho Chi Minh – Hanoi railway line, undoubtedly one of the great rail journeys of the world. The train travels at low speeds as it climbs steep gradients up the Hai Van Pass and descends mountains to white sandy beaches then it is on past rural countryside and fishing villages before you arrive in Hue at around 4.00pm. Travelling by Vietnam Rail is very unique but also a "must do" - don't expect too much comfort as the carriages are all one class and you will be sharing this remarkable journey mostly with the delightful locals. On arrival in Hue take a taxi to your hotel just under 1 km from the station. Breakfast is included each morning of your stay.





## Day 7. Hue – Free Day

Hue, a past capital of Vietnam was founded by the Nguyen dynasty in the 17th Century and at 8.30am you depart the hotel for a morning tour of the city. Another different experience as you travel by Cyclos (bicycle carriages for one person) over the Perfume River to the Imperial Citadel (entrance included) where along with our guide you will spend a fascinating time exploring an amazing World Heritage Site that took over 20,000 people to construct the 30ft thick outer walls. The site covers over 2 square miles enclosing the land of eight villages. At the end of your visit you have your own personal Cyclo driver to take you around Hue for the rest of the morning. Afternoon free and we recommend a cruise on the Perfume River at dusk. Hue is renowned for its good food and our “Where to eat and what to see guide” will direct you to a selection of interesting and inexpensive restaurants like the café owned by a world famous photographer where not only is the food great, you can also purchase amazing photographs of Vietnam.

## Day 8. Hue / Hanoi

An early start, with an included transfer to Hue Airport to catch the 8.30am flight to Hanoi. On arrival at Hanoi you are met by your English-speaking guide and commence a sightseeing tour. This provides you with an overview of the Capital City known for its Lakes, Temples and French colonial architecture. You are driven to the French Quarter, visit Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum and visit

the Temple of Literature before checking into your charming hotel right in the heart of the Old Quarter (location, location, location!). Your stay here is in the best hotel in this quaint district; daily buffet breakfast is included.

## Day 9. Hanoi – Free Day

It's time to take life easy and enjoy this lively city. Explore on foot (or Cyclo) the shaded boulevards of the French Quarter with their French style cafés. The narrow streets around your hotel full of the most amazing little shops, the lakes and parks as they all blend in to the special mix of alluring Hanoi.

## Day 10. Hanoi/Halong Bay

This maritime gem, a World Heritage site, is an area of outstanding natural beauty. Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch. At 8.00am your driver will collect you for the 165 kilometre drive to Halong Bay. With some 1600 islands and islets, many of which rise dramatically from the sea, this World Heritage site is an area of outstanding natural beauty. Enjoy an included fresh seafood lunch and cruise with ample time to swim and explore the limestone caves. At sunset we drop anchor and enjoy an included dinner before settling down for the night in the comfort of your cabin with full facilities.





### Day 11. Halong Bay/ Hanoi

Cruise through the morning with included brunch, then return to Hanoi late afternoon. for your third night and that last minute shopping and sight seeing.

We are happy to help you plan your onward journey- just ask us.

### Cost

NZ\$3,590.00 pp share twin.

### To Book

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## BOOKING CONDITIONS

### ASIAN TOURS

Booking with Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd is very clear and easy to follow...

Booking forms are available on request from our office or online at our web site and can be printed off. On receipt to our office of this registration form as an original copy and a deposit of \$1,000.00 into our bank account your place on the tour will be confirmed. Please read the Booking Conditions carefully before completing the Booking Form.

Travelling in Asia with Great Village Holidays is a great independent but well cared for experience.

If you are a booking of two and we receive a second separate booking for two then you do not travel together. Each of the bookings is considered an individual tour and travels separately.

We provide transport of a size suitable to the number you are booking. When travelling as a two you have a chauffeured car, and English speaking guide travelling with you on designated parts of the journey. Travel with four in your group and you have a larger Chauffeured car and an English speaking guide travelling with you on designated parts of the Journey. Travel as a larger group together and we provide a larger vehicle and an English speaking guide.

When traveling with more than two in your group the published tour price is reduced as the cost of transport and guiding is shared between the group.

### Deposits and Final Payment

A deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is required at the time of booking - final payment is due 60 days prior to the date of your tour departure. Your deposit cannot be refunded once the tour departure is confirmed.

### Guaranteed Departure

Tours are always guaranteed departures on payment of your deposit. A guaranteed departure would only change on receiving a directive or recommendation not to travel by an advising authority.

### Costing

All prices are based on rates & conditions as at 31st May 2018. Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd will not alter the brochure price unless it is out of our control.

Prices quoted are in New Zealand dollars.

## Responsibility

Great Village Holidays Ltd is responsible for making arrangements specified in our tours, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. We include the services of independent contractors such as airlines, hotels, shipping, rail and coach companies, plus other operators whose staff are not agents, employees or servants of Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd. Although every effort is made to ensure that your tour runs smoothly without changes, we can not take responsibility for the conduct, nor for the actions of people or agents that are not employees of Great Village Holidays (2000)Ltd.

If the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in the Itinerary for reasons beyond our control, Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd reserves the right to amend the tour to proceed as close as possible to the scheduled itinerary. Should there be a variation of cost this will be passed to the client.

By signing the booking form and paying the \$1,000.00pp deposit, clients agree to all booking conditions and accept arrangements as per the brochure.

### Accommodation

When choosing a hotel, Great Village Holidays ensure the same superior quality throughout the tour. All rooms have an ensuite, quality bedding, and provide the best of facilities and comfort. Hotels are centrally located mostly in historical areas, retaining the best ambience for your stay.

### Participation

Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd reserves the exclusive right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to remove any person from the tour whose conduct is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the tour. No refund, nor cover of additional costs, nor expenses you incur, will be paid for by Great Village Holidays if we have to terminate your holiday, due to unacceptable behaviour.

### Requests

It is essential that any specific requirements such as room type, dietary or health needs or illnesses be included on your booking form. Where possible, we will do our very best to assist with individual requests but there can be no absolute guarantee of this service.

## Baggage Allowance

Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd baggage allowance is one medium size bag with strong wheels and a pull handle, plus one small piece of carry on hand luggage.

The reasons for this restriction are that at times you need to handle your luggage by yourself.

In some places you will walk a short distance to your hotel and having luggage that you feel comfortable handling will add to your overall pleasure in travelling.

### Passports & Visas

A valid passport is required and must be fully valid for at least 6 months after your return home. Should any visas be necessary, we will advise you. Visa fees are charged for where applicable.

### Helpful resources

Prior to departure you will receive information on the areas you will visit that will allow you to prepare well for your holiday.

### Travel Insurance & Cancellation Fees

On payment of your deposit it is important to take out appropriate Travel Insurance covering you for cancellation fees and loss of deposits should cancellation become necessary for circumstances beyond your control.

Please check with your insurance provider for full details.

Should you wish to talk with us about travel insurance we can provide you with a competitive quote from our broker.

Participation in a Great Village Holiday without travel Insurance cover is not possible.

Great Village Holidays (2000) Ltd Cancellation Fees are:

60 days prior to departure a 50% cancellation fee applies.

45 days prior to departure a 100% cancellation fee applies.

After departure no refund is available on any unused portion of your holiday.

The deposit of \$1,000.00 is non refundable once departure is confirmed.

### Public Liability Insurance

Great Village Holidays carry public liability Insurance of \$1 million dollars

(NZ). Should you like to have additional personal cover we suggest you speak with and additionally insure through your own broker or agent.



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