

#### **MVN - 33**

## **17 Nights / 18 Days**

Ha Noi 4N + Ha Long Bay 1N + Sapa 2N + Hue 1N + Da Nang 2N + Nha Trang 1N + Da Lat 1N + Mui Ne 2N + Ho Chi Minh City 3N

# Day 01: HA NOI - ARRIVAL (45 Mnts / 25 Km approx one way)

Arrive Noi Bai International Airport, Ha Noi. Welcome by the representative for pick up and transfer to hotel.

Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

## Day 02: HA NOI CITY TOUR

A Full-day city tour of Vietnam's capital. Ha Noi is a unique city with tree - lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental temples. The city tour includes such sights as Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his house on stilts, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, the Quan Thanh Temple and the Tran Quoc Pagoda on the edge of West Lake. After lunch in town continue to the Museum of Ethnology and end the afternoon with a visit to the Lake of the Restored Sword and a walking tour of the Old Quarter. Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

# Day 03: HA NOI - HA LONG BAY CRUISE (3 Hrs / 170 Km approx one way)

After your breakfast, our guide pick up from 8:00 am to 8:30 am at your hotel. Leave Hanoi by road for Halong Bay. Enjoy the journey through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta and the scenery of rice fields, water buffalo and everyday Vietnamese village life. Arrive in Halong and board the traditional sailing junk. Explores Halong bay on the most wonderful route: Dinh Huong island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Sail island. Binh Phong mountain, Man's head island, Tortoise island. Visit the zone of Man-made pearl growing center, Visit Luon cave with paddle boat. Enjoy a swim in the emerald waters of Halong Bay at any spot that you wish to visit. go up to the Halong bay View at Ti Top beach. Watch the sun set over the bay whilst enjoying a delicious dinner. Retire to your cabin or join our staffs for squid fishing. Overnight stay at Cruise.

## Day 04: HA LONG BAY - HA NOI (3 Hrs / 170 Km approx one way)

Start off your day with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck with complimentary tea and coffee being served. Rejuvenate your body and mind with the slow movement of Tai Chi and enjoy the dawn on the bay. Explore the well- hidden of one of the most beautiful cave on halong bay "Surprise Cave". Walk up the 100 steps to the entrance of the cave and tour on foot for approximately 60 minutes. On the way back to Halong city, enjoy brunch and continue to explores Halong bay on the most wonderful route: Ga Choi Island, Binh Phong mountain, Man's head island, Tortoise island. Disembark at Tuan Chau International Passenger Port. Transfer to Ha Noi by road.

Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

#### Day 05: HA NOI - SAPA BY BUS (6 Hrs / 315 Km approx. one way)

Morning Pick you up at your hotel and depart to Sapa, following Noi Bai - Lao Cai high-way. Along the way, you will have chance to admire the beauty of northwest mountains with terraced fields. Have a short break for 30 minutes en route.

Arrival Sapa, check in to Hotel & enjoy lunch at local restaurant. Enjoy Sapa in evening by walking.

Overnight stay at Sapa hotel.

## Day 06: HEAVEN GATE - SILVER WATER FALL - FANSIPAN BY CABLE CAR

Meet your guide and driver for a leisure trip. The drive uphill offers most spectacular scenery of Fansipan Mount. Just a kilometer out of the town, rose flower farms and later chayote grows on bamboo frames covered a vast area. We'll stop at the magnificent Silver Waterfall before continue the road trip for some kilometers further to Heaven Gate and Tram Ton Pass. At 2047m above sea level, the Heaven Gate & Tram Ton Pass is the highest mountain pass in



Vietnam. From here enjoy walking around for half an hour for beautiful scenery of both two side of Hoang Lien Son mountain range. The wind blows stronger to force the clouds moving constantly. It is the best point here to enjoy breathtaking scenery of the two side of Fansipan Mountain Range. Amazingly that the weather is very different by the side: In many days It is foggy and cloudy on Sa Pa side and sunny brightly the other side. Leaving the Heaven Gate for the way back downhill 7 km, then stop to pay visiting to some lush farm in 0 Quy Ho where different kind of vegetable, flower, fruit trees and even medicinal plants are grown for years which makes this part of Sapa ever green.

After that we will explore Fansipan by cable car. The cable car system in Sapa is the world's longest and highest cable car, running up from sleepy Sapa Town in Lao Cai Province to the peak of 3,143-meter. Fansipan Mountain, known as Indochina's rooftop. Reaching Mount Fansipan used to mean a full-day hike at least. But from Feb 2016 the trek up will be reduced to a 25-minute flight by cable car. The 6.5km long cable car can carry a maximum of 2,000 passengers an hour, with each cabin accommodating 35 passengers.

In the late afternoon transfer to Ha Noi.

Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

## Day 07: SAPA - HANOI BY BUS (6 Hrs / 315 Km approx. one way)

Morning Pick you up at your hotel and depart to Ha Noi, following Lao Cai - Noi Bai high-way. Along the way, you will have chance to admire the beauty of northwest mountains with terraced fields. Have a short break for 30 minutes en route.

Arrival Ha Noi, check in to Hotel.

Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

## Day 08: HA NOI - HUE + BOAT TRIP ON PERFUME RIVER

Morning transfer to the airport for domestic flight to Hue.

Arrive Phu Bai International Airport. Meet our representative and transfer to Hue hotel. boat trip on the Perfume River, stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, Hon Chen Temple, Forbidden City, Dong Ba Market.

Overnight stay at Hue hotel.

## Day 09: HUE - HOI AN - DA NANG (2 ½ Hrs / 120 Km approx one way)

Morning transfer to Da Nang, on the road visit Minh Mang Tomb, Hai Van Pass, Lang Co Beach, Cham Museum, Marble Mountain and Evening at Hoi An.

In Hoi An we will start to walk to visit the complex of architectural monuments of various forms: Tan Ky old house, assembly hall, Japanese bridge, water wells, local markets, Harbor. Back to Da Nang in evening.

Overnight stay at Da Nang hotel.

#### Day 10: BANA HILL EXCURSION

Morning Picking up at the hotel and start to visit Ba Na Hills - King Mountain, also known as the second DaLat/ Sapa in Central. The beautiful weather here is always cool.

You will admire the high by the most modem cable car system in Southeast Asia. You will visit Dream Stream Cable car Station. After finishing the first cable car, you will visit France wine cellar, Exploring the golden bridge (Winding its way around a 150-meter course lined with flowers, a golden bridge shimmers against the Ba Na Hills, supported by a pair of giant hands.). Linh Ung pagoda. You will see the panorama of Danang City.

Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park

Explore King Peak at an altitude 1.487m, you can see panorama view of the Bana Hills and Quang Nam - Da Nang on high. On the top of mountain have Linh Tu Pagoda that is a special temple construction. Return hotel. Overnight stay at Da Nang hotel.

#### Day 11: DA NANG - CAM RANH

Driver will transfer you to the Da Nang International Airport for domestic flight to Cam Ranh Airport for Nha Trang.



#### CAM RANH - NHA TRANG (1 Hrs / 50 Km approx one way)

Upon arrival in Cam Ranh International Airport our representative will greet you, then drive to Nha Trang city. After check in to hotel visit Ponagar Champa Tempe, Nha Trang Aquarium, Vinpearl Land. Overnight stay at Nha Trang hotel.

## Day 12: NHA TRANG - DA LAT (3 Hrs / 140 Km approx one way)

Take bus to Da Lat in the morning. Arrival bus station in Da Lat. On arrival meet and greet by our representative transfer you to hotel.

After check in visit Langbiang, Datanla Waterfall, Dalat Flower Park. Overnight stay at Da Lat hotel.

# Day 13: DA LAT - MUI NE (4 Hrs / 170 Km approx one way)

In the morning Bus will pick up from your hotel to Mui Ne.

Check in hotel. Enjoy the Sea Beach in South China Sea. Overnight stay at Mui Ne hotel.

## Day 14: MUI NE CITY TOUR

Morning enjoy and leisure time.

In afternoon at 14:00 Jeep tour start with driver, visit Suoi Tien (fairy stream), fishing village, White sand dunes, Red sand dunes and the sunset over the dunes.

Overnight stay at Mui Ne hotel.

## Day 15: MUI NE - HO CHI MINH CITY (Saigon) (5 Hrs / 220 Km approx one way)

In the morning Bus will pick up from your hotel to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

Arrival bus station in Saigon, our representative will pick you up and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

Day 16: CU CHI TUNNEL + HO CHI MINH HALF DAY CITY TOUR (1 ½ Hrs / 70 Km approx one way)

After breakfast transfer to Enjoy visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence.

After lunch visit the former Presidential Palace, from there on you will go on foot (the car will be available at all times) to visit the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House and City Hall. Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

#### Day 17: MEKONG DELTA EXCURSION (2 Hrs / 80 Km approx one way)

In the morning, take 2 hour drive southwest of Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong Delta which is known as the rice bowl of Vietnam. Upon arrival, take a boat cruise around islets and tropical orchards through the canal of Vam Xep to reach a small islet, followed by a relaxing walk along shady and palm fringed trails passing by local villages where you can see their peaceful daily life. Stop en route to visit a bee farm, sip special tea with honey and sample fruits with a local family and share their stories of life in the Mekong Delta. Visit a small coconut workshop, just to get a glimpse of typical family run business in this area.

Walk to a lane where a horse-drawn cart awaits you to transfer to visit handicraft village, a coconut candy factory, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music and then relaxation with rowing boat through the narrow under shade palm, tree-lined canals of Mekong River before returning to My Tho by motorized boat. Back Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

## Day 18: HO CHI MINH CITY (Saigon) - DEPARTURE (30 Mnts / 10 Km approx one way)

Free time till transfer to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

On arrival bus station transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) for onwards journey. Tour end with the beautiful memory.

### **Compulsory Tips Policy (for Guide & Driver):**

- ➤ Group from 2-5 pax: Minimum US\$ 5/ pax/ day
- ➤ Group from 6-10 pax: Minimum US\$ 4/ pax/ day



- ➤ Group from 11-30 pax: Minimum US\$ 3/ pax/ day
- ➤ Group from 31 pax & above: Minimum US\$ 2/ pax/ day
- \*\*\* It will automatically add on in your final Invoice.

#### Visa Guideline Vietnam:

- ➤ E-Visa cost US\$ 35 Per Pax to be paid along with Package booking cost. And you get E-Visa for one-month single entry.
- Visa-on-arrival Cost US\$ 35 Per Pax:
  - Include Visa Approval Letter to Vietnam for Indian passport holders for (US\$ 10/Pax to be paid along with Package booking cost in India).
  - Visa stamp fee to Vietnam is US\$ 25/Pax (paid by guests upon arrival) for one-month single entry. Guest have to fill a visa application form on arrival and attach Pre approved Visa on Arrival letter & fix 2 Passport size photos (white background). And it will take 2-3 hrs in que.
- ➤ Visa fast track service at the airport is US\$ 10/Pax (not compulsory, recommended for big group).

#### **Payment Terms:**

- After confirmation of any Package request: 50% of tour package cost required immediately to book all the respective services.
- 07 Days prior to arrival date: 100% of tour package cost required.
- All payments must be notified by an e-mail format only with attached transaction details.
- Payment terms are subject to change at the time of booking as per Hotel Policy and High Season.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

- All cancellations must be made in e-mail format only.
- Any cancellation at 45 Days prior to arrival date No charge
- Any cancellation between 45 Days 30 Days prior to arrival date: 25% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation between 30 Days 15 Days prior to arrival date: 50% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation between 15 Days 10 Days prior to arrival date: 75% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation less than 10 Days: 100% of tour fare charge.

## The Do's when Visiting Vietnam:

**Dress appropriately** – Dress conservatively, especially for female travellers. The Vietnamese are quite conservative about their dress, and it would be disrespectful to wear skimpy clothing in public.

**Respect at temples** – When visiting temples and pagodas – keep your arms and legs covered. A sarong is very handy, and make sure your knees are covered at the very least. It is again disrespectful to go to such places if you do not observe these.

**Remove bling** – Do remove unnecessary jewellery, as it shows that you have money, and could make you a target for petty theft.

**Keep you bag safe** – Do hold your bag in front of you wrapped around your shoulder so that you are not a victim of a drive-by bag snatcher. Unfortunately, you need to be vigilant as bag snatching is a big problem, even at temples and pagodas.

**Know where you live** – Do make sure that you have a hotel business card from the reception desk. This will make your return to the hotel in a taxi or motorbike much easier.

**Negotiate and get a fixed price** – Always firmly negotiate the exact price before you get into a taxi or on the back of a motorbike.



**Buy legitimate bottled water** – Do buy bottled water, but not any bottled water. I have seen people on the streets filling water bottles from the taps, and then with a little machine, sealing them. You will need to drink a lot of water because of the humidity, buy from a convenience store of some repute. As beer is cheaper than a bottle of water, you could just drink beer, but remember you do need to stay hydrated with water.

**Ask before you shoot** – Do ask permission before you take a photo of people. Many – particularly in the picturesque UNESCO town of Hoi An will expect payment before you take the photo. Pay it. It is not a lot of dongs, the currency of Vietnam.

*Keep toilet paper with you* – Do carry some toilet paper with you at all times. While there are fewer squats in urban areas, there are still many in rural areas.

*Use chopsticks correctly* – Do us your chopsticks correctly. Sticking them upright in your bowl of rice, for example, is considered unlucky, as this is the symbol of two burning joy sticks used for funerals.

**Do eat local food in Vietnam** – Do enjoy the local Vietnamese food, which is some of the best in the world. Consider doing a food tour on the back of a motorbike to get to some of the hidden gems in the back streets of Saigon for example.

#### The Don'ts when Visiting Vietnam:

**Don't end up in jail** – Don't take photos of any military installations and equipment, it is a breach of national security and you could end up in jail, and you do not want to spend your vacations ...and a bit ... at a Vietnamese jail.

**Don't mention the war -** Don't bring up the topic of the Vietnam War which the Vietnamese call the "American war."

*Watch your tootsies* - Don't sit with your feet pointing towards a family altar if you are staying at someone's house.

**No PDA'S** – Don't publically, kiss and cuddle. Here is a guide to kissing etiquette around the world. These personal displays of affection are not considered appropriate in Vietnam. Holding hands is ok, particularly as you cross the manically busy roads.

**Don't stop when crossing a road** – Don't stop as you cross the busy roads. Frightening as it can be, just keep walking. The traffic will avoid you. Pick a spot across the road, stare at it and keep walking, no matter what.

*Be respectful in ethnic minority villages* – Don't take video cameras into the ethnic minority villages. They are considered to be too intrusive by many local people. If you do, always ask permission first.