

## **MVN - 35**

# 24 Nights / 25 Days

Ha Noi 5N + Ha Long Bay 2N + Sapa 2N + Hue 1N + Da Nang 3N + Nha Trang 2N + Da Lat 1N +
Mui Ne 2N + Ho Chi Minh City 4N + Phu Quac 2N

# 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 CRUISE

After breakfast leave the cruise on a smaller boat. Visit Head Islet and explore Fairy Lake Cave. Explore the lake by kayaking.

Fairy Lake cave is the newest one to the vast collection of 2000 islets in the World Heritage Halong Bay. The name Tien Ong Cave is still strange many tourists, but it is one of the most beautiful caves on Halong Bay. Fairy Lake cave owns both enchanting beauty and magical values of geology, geomorphology and formation history of Halong Bay.

To explore Fairy Lake cave, visitors can choose to go paddling by kayak or small boats paddled by the locals. Inside the case stands two compartments in total. The entrance gate of the first entrance gate of Fairy Lake cave is very narrow, just letting one person passing at the same time. Going through the tunnel, visitors will be immediatedly amazed by various stalactites beautifully sparkling hung down from the ceiling. Go deeper, many stalagmites rises from the ground and connect the ground to the ceiling. The the small boat will lead you to the second chamber of Fairy Lake cave, where you take the opportunity to see a lake with shallow water, covered by lime-stone mountains, where fairies came here for bathing and sleeping according to legends of local residents. All of these make Fairy Lake cave differs from other caves on Halong Bay.

After lunch visit Pearl firm. You can learn the process how to cultured pearls. Overnight stay at Cruise.

# Day 05: 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 06: NINH BINH - HOA LU - TAM COC

The tour guide will take you to Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, founded in 968, it remained capital until the early 11th century when Emperor Ly Thai To moved it to today's Ha Noi. Arriving in this beautiful mountainous landscape, you'll walk 300m to the temples of the Dinh and Le Dynasty The trip starts at Tam Coc area. Taking a rowing Tam Coc Boat Tours from Tam Coc wharf. The boat tour is arranged by local people with their both hands and legs. Visit 3 Magical Grottos: Hang Ca (First Grotto), Hang Hai (Second Grotto), Hang Ba (Third Grotto) during Tam Coc River Tour. Relax and get on the Car for returning to Ha Noi. Overnight stay at Ha Noi hotel.

## Day 07: 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 08: 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 O 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 09: 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 10: 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 11: HUE - DA NANG (2 Hrs / 100 Km approx one way)

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

Overnight stay at Da Nang hotel.

## Day 12: 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 13: CHAM ISLAND & HOI AN TOUR (1 Hrs / 30 Km approx one way)

Local tour guide pick you up at the hotel.

You will be transferred to Cua Dai harbor to register with the Border Police before heading to the islands. After 20 mins transferring by speedboat, you arrive on the island.

Upon arriving on the island, your guide will take you to the Cu Lao Cham museum, and showroom where the history, map, objects are displayed. Visiting Au Thuyen where the local boats are hidden in big storms.

Walking along the rice field to the over-200-years-old temple of Hai Tang. Besides from that, you can also see Chăm's old well and Seafood Market – Place of exchanges and trading all kinds of fresh seafood that fishermen caught after 1 night. Go to Bai Bac beach for lunch and relax.

Back to Cua Dai harbor where our vehicle will take you to 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 14: 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, Nha Trang, our representative will greet you, then drive to city and check in to hotel. Overnight stay at Nha Trang hotel.

#### Day 15: NHA TRANG CITY TOUR

After breakfast visit Ponagar Champa Temple, Nha Trang Aquarium, Vinpearl Land. Overnight stay at Nha Trang hotel.

# Day 16: 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 17: 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.

Dav 18: 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 19: 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 20: 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 21: 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 22: VUNG TAU BEACH TOUR (2 ½ Hrs / 100 Km approx one way)

Morning Pick up from the hotel and transfer to Vung Tau

Arriving in Vung Tau and visiting the Jesus Christ Statue. Walking up the 847 stairs and meeting the 32 meter-tall (105 feet) Statue of Jesus, considered one of the tallest statues of Jesus Christ in Asia. Its outstretched arms span a little over 18.4 meters

Having lunch at the Indian restaurant

After lunch, free time at Thuy Van beach (Back beach) – one of the nicest beaches in Viet Nam with the shore runs for almost 10km full with fine sand and white waves. Transfer back Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

## Day 23: HO CHI MINH CITY - PHU QUOC & EXPLORE SAO BEACH

Driver will transfer you to the Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City for domestic flight to Phu Quoc. Upon arrival in Phu Quoc International Airport, our



representative will greet you, then drive to city and check in to hotel.

After a short flight, you should start by visiting Sao Beach, one of the most beautiful beach in Phu Quoc will kick off your day. With white, velvet sand and clear water, Sao Beach will definitely win your heart. In Bai Sao, you can find a swing hung on a coconut tree that extends itself to the water, take a photo and everybody will be impressed.

Phu Quoc prison is the next stop where you can see pictures of the war. On the way back to Duong Dong Town, don't forget to visit Ho Quoc Pagoda. Standing on the pagoda yard, you can capture the panorama of the Emerald Island.

In Duong Dong town visit Dinh Cau Temple is nearby the market, located on a rock facing the sea. Finishing 29 stones steps and you will reach the majestic temple.

Truong Beach and Sunset Sanato Beach Club are two ideal places to admire sunset in Phu Quoc. Special monuments on the beach will be a good complement for your photos. Ending your day in Dinh Cau Night Market with souvenirs and street food, seafood, grilled banana, and sweet potato are the must.

Overnight stay at Phu Quoc hotel.

## Day 24: 3 ISLANDS FULL DAY SNORKELING TOUR

Discover an island paradise off the south coast of Phu Quoc and snorkel at 3 different spots in the Gulf of Thailand. Swim with the marine life of Finger Island, Dam Ngang Island and May Rut Island and marvel at the coral formation

## Day 25: PHU QUAC - DEPARTURE

Free time till transfer to Phu Quac International Airport for onwards journey. Tour end with the beautiful memory.

# Compulsory Tips Policy (for Guide & Driver):

- 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

## 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.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> It will automatically add on in your final Invoice.



- 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.