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## Vietnam: A Journey of Sites, Sound and Spirit

- Dates:** Dec 29, 2026 –Jan 7, 2027
- Included:** 9 nights' accommodation at premium 4\* hotels  
1 Local MEJDI-Trained guide/tour Manager for 9 days  
Local guides as necessary per itinerary  
Private transportation and transfers for 9 days per itinerary  
1 One-way flight Hanoi-Da Nang<sup>1</sup>  
Tourist Visa  
Meals listed on itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners  
Entrances, sites, activities and speaker/host honoraria  
Bottled water available daily (1 per person per day)  
Audio headsets on touring days  
Dedicated pre-trip traveler services and 24/7 on-ground support
- Not included:** International Airfare  
Travel and Medical insurance - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
Single Supplement Costs -  
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff  
Optional Add ons mentioned on the itinerary  
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Price:** \$3,495 Per Person

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<sup>1</sup> Economy fare including one carry-on and one checked bag: Hanoi to Da Nang; Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City



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## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Tuesday, December 29, Arrival [Guide, Transfer only]**

Arrive in **Hanoi** and transfer to your accommodation to recover after a long flight.

In the evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a **welcome dinner and orientation**, offering an introduction to Vietnam's rich history and contemporary culture. This evening sets the stage for the journey ahead and provides an opportunity to get to know your guide and fellow travelers.

*Overnight: Hanoi [dinner included]*

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### **Day 2: Wednesday, December 30, History, Scholarship & Street Food [Guide, Transportation]**

Appreciate the **artistic** and **culinary wonders** of **Hanoi** while navigating the colors and bustle that characterize a modern Vietnamese city.

Begin at the **Military history museum** to learn about **Ho Chi Minh's legacy** then visit the **Temple of Literature (Temple of Confucius)**, the oldest university in Vietnam dating to the 11th century.

Enjoy lunch at a **"hidden" restaurant** tucked away on the backstreets of Hanoi, for an introduction to local cuisine.

Rest at your hotel before concluding the day in the eclectic Old Quarters of the **Hoan Kiem District**, sampling a variety of food wonders that have earned Hanoi the title: **"street food capital of the world!"**

***\*Optional Add-on: visit the Vietnam Fine Arts Museum independently***

*Overnight: Hanoi [breakfast and lunch included - food tour]*

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### **Day 3: Thursday, December 31, Hanoi: War History & Reflection [Guide, Transportation]**

This morning visit the **Hoa Lo Prison Museum**, famously known as the "Hanoi Hilton," which offers powerful insights into Vietnam's colonial past and the Vietnam War era.



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Following the visit, enjoy lunch together and a discussion reflecting on Vietnam's history and transformation.

Visit the **private studio of a contemporary Vietnamese artist**, where the group will learn about the evolution of Vietnam's modern art scene. During the visit, the artist will share how Vietnamese identity, history, and rapid social change influence their work today.

The group will have an opportunity to view works in progress and discuss the role of art in shaping cultural memory.

***\*Optional Add-ons: Knife / Silver Making Workshop, Watercolor Painting Workshop, Coffee Making Class.***

*Overnight: Hanoi [breakfast and lunch included]*

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## **Day 4: Friday, January 1, Halong Bay Overnight Cruise [Guide, Transportation]**

Travel east to the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of **Halong Bay**, famous for its dramatic limestone karst islands rising from emerald waters.

Board your **overnight cruise**, where you will enjoy a relaxing journey through the bay's spectacular landscapes. Participate in optional onboard activities such as kayaking, cave exploration, or a cooking demonstration.

*Overnight: Halong Bay Cruise [breakfast, lunch and dinner included]*

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## **Day 5: Saturday, January 2, Halong Bay → Hoi An [Guide, Transportation]**

Begin the morning with **Tai Chi on deck** before enjoying brunch while cruising back to port.

Disembark and transfer directly to the airport for your **flight to Da Nang**. Upon arrival, transfer to the historic town of **Hoi An**, known for its lantern-lit streets and preserved architecture.

Enjoy **dinner** together and settle into your hotel.

*Overnight: Hoi An [brunch and dinner included]*

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## **Day 6: Sunday, January 3, Traditions of Hoi An [Guide, Transportation]**

Discover the UNESCO-listed **Hoi An Ancient Town**, where centuries of Vietnamese, Chinese, and Japanese heritage intersect.

Walk through historic merchant houses, temples, and narrow streets before participating in a **traditional tea appreciation experience**, exploring the cultural significance of tea in Vietnamese life.

Enjoy lunch together before the **afternoon at leisure**.

***\*Optional Add-ons: Hoi An Memory Show, Teh Dar Bamboo Circus Show, Lantern Lighting Ceremony & Boat Ride, Lantern Making Workshop.***

*Overnight: Hoi An [breakfast and lunch included]*

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## **Day 7: Monday, January 4, Hoi An: Village Life & Cooking Traditions [Guide, No Transportation]**

Today's immersive experience connects travelers with the countryside surrounding Hoi An.

Visit local fishing and farming communities to begin the day with an engaging workshop on **traditional fishing methods** such as casting nets, followed by a **culinary experience** making bánh xèo, or Vietnamese "happy pancakes."

After lunch, take time at leisure or join an **optional cycling trip** through peaceful **rice fields** and **rural villages** surrounding Hoi An, stopping along the way to visit **local craft workshops**.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

***\*Optional Add-ons: Coffee Making Class, Silver Workshop, Bai Choi Traditional Game Experience.***

*Overnight: Hoi An [breakfast and lunch included]*

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## **Day 8: Tuesday, January 5, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) [Guide, Transportation]**

Take an early flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**, Vietnam's energetic southern metropolis.

Visit the **War Remnants Museum**, offering powerful perspectives on the Vietnam War and its legacy.



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Enjoy lunch together before the afternoon at leisure.

**\*Optional Add-ons: Chao Show, Cu Chi Tunnels Half-Day Tour**

*Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City [breakfast and lunch included]*

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**Day 9: Wednesday, January 6, Ho Chi Minh City: Past & Present [Guide, Transportation]**

Explore **Ho Chi Minh City** on a half-day city tour, visiting **historic landmarks** such as colonial-era architecture, bustling markets, and modern city districts.

Visit a **leading contemporary art gallery**, meet with a curator or gallery director to discuss the evolution of Vietnam's contemporary art scene.

The afternoon is free for independent exploration before gathering for a **farewell dinner** celebrating the journey.

**\*Optional Add-Ons: Craft Cocktail Tour, Night Market Food Tour.**

*Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City [breakfast and dinner included]*

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**Day 10: Thursday, January 7, Departure**

Self-transfer to the airport for your departing flight from Ho Chi Minh.

*Overnight: N/A [breakfast included]*