

10-Days Vietnam Travel Itinerary

Dreaming of Vietnam? Prepare for an unforgettable journey through breathtaking limestone bays, vibrant cities, ancient towns, lush rice terraces, incredible street food, rich history, and warm hospitality.

10-DAY VIETNAM ADVENTURE TOUR!

1-2 SAPA RICE TERRACES

HANOI

3-4 HALONG BAY

HUE 5--6

7-8 HOI AN

9-10 SOUTH CHINA SEA

BEN THANH MARKET

9-10 HO CHI MINH CITY

ÁO DÀI

WATER PUPPET

BÁNH CHỨNG

PHỞ

GỎI CUỐN

NÓN LÁ

CÀ PHÊ SỮA ĐÁ

BÁNH MÌ

CƠM TẤM

DRAGON FRUIT

RAMBUTAN

Explore Vietnam Your Way (Solo or With Friends or Family)

Whether you're backpacking solo, traveling as a couple, or exploring with family and friends, Vietnam offers an incredible mix of adventure, culture, nature, and relaxation. This 10-day itinerary covers Vietnam's most iconic destinations—from the bustling streets of Hanoi and the magical waters of Ha Long Bay to the lantern-lit charm of Hoi An and the energy of Ho Chi Minh City.

Every destination reveals a different side of Vietnam, making it one of Southeast Asia's most rewarding countries to explore.

Day 1-3: Hanoi & Ha Long Bay



Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi - Old Quarter & Street Food

- **Morning**

Arrive in Hanoi and check into accommodation in the Old Quarter for easy access to historic attractions, cafés, and bustling markets.

→ [Find social stays](#) & [Central hotels here](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Start exploring the maze-like streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter, where French colonial architecture meets traditional Vietnamese life. Visit Hoàn Kiếm Lake, Ngọc Sơn Temple, and browse local markets filled with handicrafts and street food.

Stop for your first authentic bowl of pho before wandering through hidden alleyways packed with cafés.

→ [\[Join Hanoi Walking Tour\]](#)

- **Evening:**

Watch Hanoi come alive as food stalls fill the sidewalks. Sample local favorites like bún chả, bánh mì, and egg coffee before enjoying the lively atmosphere around Beer Street.

→ [\[Join Hanoi Evening Street Food Tour\]](#)



Solo Trip Tip: Food tours and walking tours are among the easiest ways to meet fellow travelers while exploring Italy.



Day 2: Ha Long Bay Cruise

- **Morning**

Travel to the spectacular UNESCO-listed Ha Long Bay.

Board an overnight or day cruise through emerald waters dotted with thousands of limestone islands.

→ [\[Book Famous Ha Long Bay Cruise\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Explore hidden caves, kayak through peaceful lagoons, swim in secluded coves, and enjoy fresh seafood onboard.

Many cruises also visit floating fishing villages and scenic viewpoints.

- **Evening**

Relax on deck while watching one of Southeast Asia's most beautiful sunsets before enjoying dinner under the stars.



Day 3: Return to Hanoi & Train/Flight South

- **Morning**

Wake up surrounded by limestone cliffs before enjoying brunch as the cruise returns to port.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Return to Hanoi and fly (or take an overnight train) to Da Nang before transferring to nearby Hoi An.

- **Evening**

Take a relaxing walk through Hoi An Ancient Town, beautifully illuminated by colorful lanterns after sunset.

Day 4-7: Hoi An & Da Nang



Day 4: Ancient Hoi An

- **Morning**

Explore the UNESCO-listed Ancient Town, visiting centuries-old merchant houses, the Japanese Covered Bridge, and traditional assembly halls.

→ [\[Join Hoi An Walking Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Browse tailor shops, local markets, and artisan boutiques. Try making your own lantern or have custom clothing made.

- **Evening**

Experience Hoi An's magical lantern-lit streets while dining beside the Thu Bồn River.

→ [\[Join Hoi An Floating Lantern & Boat Experience\]](#)

Day 5: Beaches, Countryside & Vietnamese Cuisine

- **Morning**

Start the day relaxing at An Bang Beach, one of Vietnam's most beautiful stretches of coastline.

Enjoy fresh tropical fruit, Vietnamese coffee, or seafood brunch while soaking up the peaceful atmosphere.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Cycle through emerald rice paddies, quiet villages, coconut forests, and local farms where you'll experience everyday Vietnamese life away from the tourist crowds.

Alternatively, join a cooking class beginning with a guided visit to Hoi An Central Market to learn about local ingredients before preparing traditional Vietnamese dishes.

→ [\[Join Vietnamese Cooking Class & Market Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Return to the Ancient Town for another relaxed evening.

Try local favorites including Bánh Xèo, grilled seafood, fresh spring rolls, and Vietnamese desserts before enjoying live music at one of Hoi An's riverside cafés.

Day 6: Explore Da Nang - Beaches, Mountains & Modern City

- **Morning**

Travel to nearby Da Nang (approximately 45 minutes).

Begin your day at the Marble Mountains, a collection of limestone hills filled with caves, Buddhist temples, pagodas, and scenic viewpoints overlooking the coastline.

→ [\[Join Am Phu Cave & Marble Mountains Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Continue to My Khe Beach, one of Asia's most beautiful urban beaches. Relax by the sea, swim in the warm waters, or enjoy fresh seafood at one of the beachfront restaurants.

Later, visit the Linh Ứng Pagoda on Sơn Trà Peninsula to admire the towering Lady Buddha statue and panoramic views over Da Nang Bay.

- **Evening**

Explore Da Nang's vibrant riverfront.

Walk along the Han River promenade, browse the Da Nang Night Market, and enjoy dinner featuring Mi Quang noodles or fresh seafood.

If visiting on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening, don't miss the spectacular Dragon Bridge Fire & Water Show.

→ [\[Join Da Nang River Cruise by Night\]](#)



Day 7: Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge

- **Morning**

Spend the day visiting Ba Na Hills, one of Vietnam's most famous mountain resorts.

Ride one of the world's longest cable cars high into the mountains while enjoying breathtaking views of forests and waterfalls.

Visit the iconic Golden Bridge, supported by giant stone hands, one of Vietnam's most photographed landmarks.

→ [\[Book Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Explore the French Village, beautiful gardens, pagodas, and mountain viewpoints.

Visit Fantasy Park, stroll through flower gardens, and enjoy lunch with spectacular mountain scenery.

Spend plenty of time taking photos and exploring the various attractions before descending by cable car in the afternoon.

- **Evening**

Return to Da Nang for your final evening in Central Vietnam.

Relax at a rooftop bar overlooking the city skyline or enjoy a seafood dinner along My Khe Beach before preparing for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City the following morning.

Day 8-10: Ho Chi Minh City & Mekong Delta

Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City Highlights

- **Morning**

Fly from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City and check into accommodation in District 1, the city's bustling heart.

Begin exploring by visiting Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica, the historic Central Post Office, and the elegant Book Street nearby.

→ [\[Join Ho Chi Minh City Food Tasting & Sightseeing Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Visit the Reunification Palace before browsing Ben Thanh Market for souvenirs, local snacks, coffee, and handicrafts.

Take a break at one of the city's famous cafés and try authentic Vietnamese iced coffee.

If you want to try making own Vietnamese Coffee?

→ [\[Join Traditional Coffee Workshop\]](#)

- **Evening**

Discover Ho Chi Minh City's exciting nightlife.

Enjoy dinner at a rooftop restaurant before joining a street food tour featuring bánh mì, bánh xèo, grilled seafood, fresh spring rolls, and Vietnamese desserts.

→ [\[Join Night Sights & Street Food Tour\]](#)

Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels & Mekong Delta Experience

- **Morning**

Depart early for the historic Cu Chi Tunnels.

Learn about Vietnam's wartime history while exploring sections of the underground tunnel network, hidden entrances, command centers, and living quarters used during the conflict.

→ [\[Join Cu Chi Tunnels with VIP Speedboat Tour\]](#)

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Continue to the Mekong Delta.

Board a traditional boat and cruise through peaceful canals lined with coconut palms and lush tropical landscapes.

Visit local villages, coconut candy workshops, fruit orchards, and family-run businesses while learning about life along the Mekong River.

Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch featuring regional specialties.

→ [\[Join Mekong Delta & Cu Chi Tunnels Tour\]](#)

- **Evening**

Return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Spend your evening relaxing at Nguyễn Huệ Walking Street, enjoying live performances, shopping, or sipping cocktails from one of the city's rooftop bars overlooking the skyline.

Day 10: Culture, Shopping & Farewell Vietnam

- **Morning**

Visit the War Remnants Museum for a deeper understanding of Vietnam's modern history, or choose the Museum of Fine Arts for a more relaxed cultural experience.

Afterward, enjoy one last Vietnamese breakfast featuring pho or bánh mì from a popular local eatery.

- **Midday & Afternoon**

Spend your final afternoon shopping for souvenirs at Saigon Centre, Takashimaya, or local artisan boutiques.

Relax with a traditional Vietnamese massage or enjoy coffee at one of Ho Chi Minh City's stylish cafés before your evening plans.

- **Evening**

Wrap up your Vietnam journey with a memorable dinner.

Choose between a riverside restaurant overlooking the Saigon River, a luxury rooftop dining experience, or a traditional Vietnamese restaurant serving favorites like caramelized clay pot fish, grilled pork, fresh seafood, and tropical desserts.

Head to Airport

Vietnam is Waiting for You!

Vietnam is a country where every destination tells a different story—from bustling cities and ancient temples to emerald bays, lantern-lit streets, and peaceful countryside. One moment you're enjoying a steaming bowl of pho in Hanoi's vibrant Old Quarter, the next you're cruising through the limestone islands of Ha Long Bay, wandering the charming streets of Hoi An, or soaking up the energy of Ho Chi Minh City.

This 10-day itinerary is perfect for first-time visitors who want to experience Vietnam's most iconic destinations while enjoying a balanced mix of culture, history, nature, incredible food, and unforgettable local experiences.

Visit in spring for pleasant weather across much of the country, summer for tropical beaches and lush green landscapes, autumn for cooler temperatures and excellent sightseeing, or winter for comfortable southern sunshine and misty northern scenery—every season reveals a unique side of Vietnam. [VN](#)

Smart Travel Tips for Vietnam

Socializing made easy

Traveling solo or hoping to meet other travelers? Join street food tours, cooking classes, lantern-making workshops, guided city walks, or day trips to destinations like Ha Long Bay and the Mekong Delta. They're some of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to experience local culture while meeting fellow travelers.

→ [\[Join activities & tours\]](#)

Getting around efficiently

Vietnam is well connected by affordable domestic flights, scenic trains, and comfortable sleeper buses. Flying is the quickest way to travel between Hanoi, Da Nang, and Ho Chi Minh City, while the Reunification Express train offers one of Southeast Asia's most scenic rail journeys. Within cities, Grab (Vietnam's ride-hailing app), taxis make getting around easy.

Visiting Vietnam during the peak season may cause delays in the airport. This is an option for you if you want stress-free arrivals at Vietnam airports through priority fast-track lanes

→ [\[Get Airports Fast Track: Skip The Line On Arrival\]](#)

Staying connected

A Vietnam eSIM or local SIM card makes navigating maps, translating menus, booking transportation, and staying connected throughout your trip much easier. Vietnam also offers fast, affordable mobile data coverage across most tourist destinations.

→ [\[Get Vietnam eSIM\]](#)





What to pack

Pack lightweight, breathable clothing for Vietnam's tropical climate, along with comfortable walking shoes for exploring cities and historic sites. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, and a reusable water bottle. A light rain jacket is recommended, especially during the rainy season, and modest clothing is appreciated when visiting temples and pagodas.

→  [\[Check the Essential Travel Packing List\]](#)

Plan & Book Your Trip

To make planning easier, here are the platforms most travelers use to book everything in one place:

-  Find the best flight deals and routes
→ [\[Book your flights\]](#)
-  Compare hotels, hostels, and social stays
→ [\[Book your accommodation\]](#)
-  Lock in top tours and experiences (walking guide tours, food tours, day trips)
→ [\[Browse activities & tours\]](#)
-  Exploring places more comfortably? Renting a car gives you the most flexibility
→ [\[Rent a car\]](#)

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