

SEA02 / 14 DAYS



VIETNAM

Wonder, Shared

A family journey with something to discover every day.

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS / PRIVATE

Travel in March–April • Tailored to your party

THE JOURNEY

Some places stay with you.



Some of the best family memories begin with doing something together: planting a seedling, shaping a pot, watching a puppet dragon emerge from water, or choosing a quiet cove from your own boat. This private Vietnam journey turns the country's great sights into experiences that different generations can share. There are conservation stories in Cuc Phuong, limestone waterways in Ninh Binh, two nights afloat and a colourful Hoi An chapter filled with gardens, cooking and craft. Saigon and the Mekong add history and everyday river life. The days are full, yet your guide can shorten a walk, adjust the menu or swap an intense history stop for something more suitable. Family rooms, connecting accommodation and child-sized equipment are considered when the itinerary is tailored.

SEVEN MOMENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Water puppets and engaging Hanoi heritage walks
- My Son's towers and a pottery workshop
- Rescued primates and accessible forest discovery
- Optional surface-only Cu Chi visit, adapted for age
- Your own two-night bay charter with gentle water activities
- Private Ben Tre waterways and garden lunch
- Rice and herb farming, cooking and lantern-making

DESIGNED TO CONNECT BEAUTIFULLY

The shape of your journey

Hanoi • Ninh Binh • Bai Tu Long Bay • Hoi An • Ho Chi Minh City • Ben Tre

YOUR NIGHTS, IN ORDER

DAYS 01–02	Hanoi
DAYS 03–04	Ninh Binh
DAYS 05–06	Private bay cruise
DAY 07	Hanoi
DAYS 08–10	Hoi An
DAYS 11–13	Ho Chi Minh City
DAY 14	Departure

BEST TRAVEL MONTHS

March–April

March offers a useful balance across the three regions. Earlier departures can be cooler in the north; central Vietnam is wetter in autumn. School-holiday dates need early charter and family-room planning.

MADE FOR

Families of different ages, multigenerational parties & friends

*Your own travel dates. Your own companions.
Private guides and vehicles, with walks, rooming
and dining adapted to you.*

CONNECTIONS THAT RESPECT YOUR TIME

- Arrive Hanoi and depart Ho Chi Minh City.
- Flights link Hanoi–Da Nang and Da Nang–Ho Chi Minh City.
- One Hanoi night follows the bay cruise before the next flight.
- Walks, tunnel entry, kayaking and food experiences are adapted to the ages and abilities in your party.



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi, Vietnam

DAY 01

Your private welcome to Hanoi

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, where your Midasia Routes representative meets you in the arrivals area after immigration and baggage collection. A private vehicle, chilled drinking water and assistance with your luggage make the transition to your hotel easy. Airport fast-track assistance can be requested where the airport permits it.

After settling in, meet your local guide for a personal introduction to Hanoi. Depending on your landing time and energy, enjoy a short neighbourhood walk, a riverside pause or a first taste of the city in a relaxed café. Your guide confirms food preferences, walking comfort and the experiences that matter most to you.

A thoughtfully chosen welcome dinner introduces regional flavours. The evening remains gentle after your international journey; a late arrival means dinner and orientation are adjusted to your flight. Your first night is a comfortable beginning, with the details of tomorrow already taken care of.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Welcome dinner, arrival time permitting

DAY 02

Hanoi: a city revealed in layers

Begin beside Hoan Kiem Lake as the city wakes, then explore the Old Quarter with a guide who can explain the street trades, communal houses and everyday etiquette. Pause for Vietnamese coffee before entering the Temple of Literature, where courtyards, stone stelae and shaded gardens introduce the country's scholarly traditions.

After lunch, visit the Thang Long Imperial Citadel and follow the story of Vietnam's successive capitals. Continue through the French Quarter, stopping for architectural details and street scenes rather than a hurried checklist. Museum and monument visits are reordered around their weekly closures.

An early evening water-puppet performance brings rural legends to life. Finish with a guided tasting of carefully selected Hanoi dishes, with seated alternatives for travelers who prefer a restaurant to street-side dining. Your private vehicle is available between the walking sections.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Trang An, Ninh Binh, Vietnam

DAY 03

Ninh Binh: temples, waterways and limestone towers

Leave Hanoi after breakfast in your private vehicle, reaching the countryside in time to explore the temples of Hoa Lu, Vietnam's early capital. Your guide connects the stone gateways and surviving shrines with the rise of an independent Vietnamese kingdom, then introduces the surrounding village landscape on a gentle walk.

After a local lunch, board a rowboat at Trang An for a scenic route through limestone scenery, low caves and quiet stretches of water. The boat route is chosen according to water levels and visitor access. Life jackets are provided, and the boat is reserved for your party where the local operating rules permit.

Settle into a countryside retreat. Before dinner, a short village-lane walk offers a closer look at gardens, rice cultivation and daily routines. Enjoy regional dishes and views of the surrounding karst landscape; the steeper viewpoints are optional, not required to enjoy the day.

Overnight: Ninh Binh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 04

Cuc Phuong: a living forest and a conservation story

Drive to Cuc Phuong National Park for a prearranged conservation visit. At the Endangered Primate Rescue Center, a centre guide explains the care of rescued langurs and other primates and the pressures facing them in the wild. Viewing follows the centre's welfare rules; this is a rescue setting, not a promise of wild-animal sightings.

After lunch, explore a suitable forest trail with a nature guide. Look for butterflies, birdlife and the changing textures of the forest, keeping to a moderate route selected for the season and your fitness. A visit to the turtle conservation area can be added when staff and access are available.

Return to Ninh Binh for dinner. Families can shorten the forest section and spend more time on the interpretation activities. The guide carries the day's timings so there is room to ask questions, take photographs and enjoy the forest without racing from one stop to another.

Overnight: Ninh Binh | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 05

Your private voyage into Bai Tu Long Bay

Depart Ninh Binh after breakfast for the coast, travelling by private vehicle with a comfort stop before boarding. Meet the crew of your exclusively chartered small boat and settle into your cabin. A safety briefing covers the tender, kayaking and the day's permitted anchorage before lunch is served.

Cruise into Bai Tu Long's limestone seascape. The planned charter follows an authorised three-day route, with an afternoon excursion around the Cong Do area or an equivalent approved location. Depending on conditions, take a guided kayak outing or use a tender to enjoy the scenery without paddling.

Return for a Vietnamese cooking demonstration and sunset on deck, then enjoy dinner prepared aboard. Your boat is private to your party, while the protected bay and visitor sites remain public. The captain may change the precise stop sequence for weather, permissions and harbour instructions.

Overnight: Private bay cruise | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 06

A full day among islands, caves and floating homes

Enjoy breakfast with the limestone islands close to your boat, then set out with the crew for a cave visit such as Thien Canh Son when included in the authorised sailing plan. Your guide explains the rock formations and the changing relationship between fishing communities, tourism and the protected bay.

Lunch is followed by a guided visit around Vung Vieng or the charter's approved floating-village area. A tender or local rowing boat brings you closer to the water. There is also time for a sheltered kayak excursion; less active travelers can remain aboard or join the scenic tender alternative.

As the boat reaches its overnight anchorage, enjoy the changing light from the deck. Dinner is served at a pace that suits your party. Two nights aboard allow a richer exploration than a single-night visit, without turning every hour into an organised activity. Swimming, if offered, depends on authorised locations and conditions.

Overnight: Private bay cruise | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Hoi An, Vietnam

DAY 07

Back to Hanoi, with time to look closer

Wake to the bay and enjoy breakfast as your boat returns towards its authorised harbour. A final short excursion may be offered by the captain before brunch and disembarkation. Your driver meets you for the private transfer to Hanoi; lunch timing is coordinated with the cruise service.

Check into your hotel and refresh before a gentle late-afternoon encounter with contemporary Vietnamese craft. Depending on opening hours, meet a lacquer specialist or a small independent gallery team, learning how traditional materials are used in modern work. This is also valuable breathing space between the water and tomorrow's flight.

Dinner is arranged in Hanoi, with time to discuss the next stage with your guide. The city overnight intentionally protects the onward connection: no international flight is booked immediately after a weather-dependent bay cruise.

Overnight: Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 08

A flight to Da Nang, an evening in Hoi An

Transfer from your hotel in Hanoi to the airport for a scheduled flight to Da Nang. Your Midasia team meets you on arrival and continues privately to Hoi An. Flight times are selected to protect a worthwhile afternoon wherever practical, with lunch fitted around the journey.

After checking in, walk through Hoi An's historic trading quarter with your guide. Visit a merchant house and an assembly hall, then explore the Japanese Covered Bridge area and riverside streets. Exact interiors depend on opening hours; the town's story is brought alive through people, architecture and trade.

Enjoy a lantern-making session when the flight schedule allows, or move it to the next Hoi An day. Dinner introduces regional specialities such as cao lau and white-rose dumplings. A relaxed riverfront walk rounds off the evening without a late return to the hotel.

Overnight: Hoi An | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



Cam Thanh, Hoi An, Vietnam

DAY 09

From the herb garden to your own Vietnamese table

Visit Tra Que with a local host, walking between aromatic herb beds and learning how the gardens supply Hoi An's kitchens. Join light seasonal tasks such as watering, preparing a bed or harvesting herbs; the experience is adapted for children and for travelers who prefer to observe.

Use the morning's ingredients in a private cooking session followed by lunch. In the afternoon, explore Hoi An's old town more deeply, with time for a merchant house, an assembly hall and artisan workshops that match your interests. Your guide introduces the trading history behind the familiar yellow facades.

As dusk approaches, make a lantern with a craft teacher or enjoy a short private river outing where local rules allow. Dinner is arranged after time to refresh. The day combines gardening, food, heritage and creativity, with a vehicle available whenever you want to shorten the walking.

Overnight: Hoi An | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 10

My Son, riverside craft and the art of making

Leave early for My Son, allowing time to explore the Cham sanctuary before the heat builds. Walk the main paths between the surviving brick towers with your private guide and learn how religious practice, architecture and modern conservation meet in this forested valley.

Return towards Hoi An for lunch, then visit Thanh Ha pottery village for a hands-on session with a willing artisan. If you would like more time on the water, include a gentle basket-boat outing in the Cam Thanh coconut-waterway area, choosing a calm experience rather than noisy spinning demonstrations.

After a pause at your hotel, enjoy dinner and a final lantern-lit walk. This is a full day with several different settings, so the pottery or boat section can be shortened for families. The cultural encounters are prearranged, while temple and village areas remain shared public places.

Overnight: Hoi An | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 11

Ho Chi Minh City: a new rhythm

Transfer privately to Da Nang airport for your scheduled flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Meet your southern Vietnamese guide on arrival and settle into your hotel. Lunch and the first afternoon stop are planned around the actual flight time, with no critical timed activity immediately after landing.

Explore the central city on a gentle orientation: the Central Post Office, the Opera House exterior and the broad streets around the historic civic buildings. Your guide explains the city's changing identities and its role in trade, migration and modern Vietnamese life.

After time to refresh, enjoy dinner at a well-chosen restaurant. For keen food travelers, the evening can become a private tasting circuit using a vehicle between neighbourhoods. Walking distances and the number of stops are adjusted to your group; the main history programme follows tomorrow.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 12

Cu Chi and the stories of Saigon

Leave early for the Cu Chi tunnel area, where a specialist guide explains the ingenuity and hardship of wartime life. The surface displays provide a meaningful visit without requiring anyone to enter a tunnel. Tunnel sections are optional and unsuitable for some travelers with limited mobility or claustrophobia.

After lunch, return to the city for the Independence Palace, exploring the formal rooms and the events associated with the building. Add the Central Post Office if it was not visited earlier. A short café stop gives time to discuss what you have seen without moving straight into another intense museum.

Dinner offers a lighter conclusion to the day. Adults particularly interested in modern history can request the War Remnants Museum in place of a city stop; its graphic material is discussed in advance, and families are offered an age-appropriate alternative.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner



DAY 13

The Mekong Delta: coconut gardens and family kitchens

Travel from the city to Ben Tre after breakfast and board a private local boat. Follow broad river channels and smaller waterways, observing the changing uses of the banks. Stop at a family-run coconut workshop or other working craft business, where hosts explain their trade.

Enjoy lunch in a garden setting and explore quiet village lanes on foot, by a short optional bicycle ride or with a local vehicle. A small rowing boat can take you through a palm-fringed creek when water conditions allow. Your guide keeps the focus on everyday livelihoods and genuine conversations.

Return to Ho Chi Minh City for dinner. This is a substantial day excursion, so the evening stays close to your hotel. The private arrangement allows you to spend longer with a welcoming host and shorten a stop that feels less interesting to your family or friends.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

DAY 14

A thoughtful farewell

Enjoy breakfast and a final quiet moment in Ho Chi Minh City. If your flight allows, your guide can arrange a short market visit or a stop for last-minute locally made gifts; this is fitted around check-out and airport formalities, never around an optimistic connection.

Your private driver transfers you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport. The team assists with luggage and check-in orientation within the areas open to local representatives. Your international flight, onward baggage arrangements and any airport assistance are reconfirmed before departure.

Leave with the memories of people met, food shared and landscapes explored. A beach extension, a different onward destination or extra nights can be arranged when we customise the journey. International flights are quoted separately unless your personal proposal expressly includes them.

Overnight: Departure | Meals: Breakfast, flight time permitting

PRIVATE TRAVEL, PERSONAL CARE

Make this journey yours.

Travel as a couple, with family or friends, or on your own with a private guide. We begin with the experiences you care about, then shape the room choices, dining, walking and daily pace around you. A birthday, a photography interest, a quieter village stay or a few extra beach nights can become part of your personal proposal.

Your welcome & support · Personal arrivals-area meet and greet; private airport transfers; luggage assistance; coordinated local handovers and a named planning contact. Fast-track services are requested only where permitted and available.

Your comfort & experiences · Well-chosen luxury or boutique accommodation, private vehicles and local guides, meals shown in the programme, site entries and the described private boat and activity arrangements are included in the bespoke quotation.

Your flights & thoughtful extras · The quotation itemises scheduled domestic and regional flights, baggage, rail travel and private charters. International flights to and from the journey, visas, insurance, personal purchases, gratuities and unlisted extras are separate unless expressly included.

Your confirmed proposal · Route planning was reviewed in September 2026. Your final dated proposal confirms the hotels, flights, boats, rail seats, host visits, activity suitability and any seasonal substitutions before you commit.

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