

The Ultimate Vietnam Luxury Journey 18 days

Trip overview

Join us on an unforgettable 18-day journey through Vietnam with our Luxurious Beauty of Vietnam package tour. You can immerse yourself in the country's rich history, diverse cultures, and breathtaking landscapes with top-notch services and affluent accommodations.

From the ancient charm of Hanoi to the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, this itinerary showcases the best of Vietnam, offering a perfect blend of cultural exploration, relaxation, and indulgence.

- **Durations:** 18 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Sapa - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta
- **Price from:** US \$5499/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://bestratetours.com/vietnam-tours/the-ultimate-vietnam-luxury-journey-18-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival - Afternoon Tea at Metropole's Le Club Bar	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi Discovery By Jeep - Dinner at Fine Dining Restaurant	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Private transfer to Sapa - Cat Cat Village Exploration	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast
Day 4	Fansipan Cable Car	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast
Day 5	Private transfer to Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast
Day 6	Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Special Dinner	Hotel in Ninh Binh	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 7	Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Overnight On Luxurious Cruise	Overnight cruise in Halong Bay	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 8	Halong Bay - Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 9	Flight to Da Nang - Hoi An stay luxury resort	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 10	Hoi An Old Town Private Tour by Cyclo	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 11	Flight to Nha Trang - Overnight at Luxurious resort	Hotel in Nha Trang	Breakfast

Day 12	Experience Royal Life On Luxury Emperor Cruise (Join-in)	Hotel in Nha Trang	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 13	Nha Trang Free Day on Luxury Resort	Hotel in Nha Trang	Breakfast
Day 14	Nha Trang Free Day on Luxury Resort	Hotel in Nha Trang	Breakfast
Day 15	Nha Trang - Fly To Ho Chi Minh City - Luxury Dinner on Cruise	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh city	Breakfast, Dinner
Day 16	RV Mekong Princess Cruise Upstream 3 days: Saigon - Can Tho	RV Mekong Princess Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 16	Ben Tre - Can Tho	Hotel in Can Tho	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 18	Can Tho - Disembarkation - Departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival - Afternoon Tea at Metropole's Le Club Bar

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Take some time to settle into the elegant surroundings and refresh after your journey.

Later in the day, experience a refined moment of relaxation with an **afternoon tea** at the renowned Le Club Bar, located at the historic Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. Here, you can enjoy a selection of fine teas, delicate pastries, and savory treats in an elegant setting, accompanied by the gentle sounds of classical piano music performed live. The atmosphere, combining French colonial charm and Vietnamese elegance, offers a perfect introduction to the cultural sophistication of Hanoi.

Afterward, you can spend the rest of the evening at leisure, either relaxing at the hotel or beginning your own exploration of the city's vibrant streets.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi Discovery By Jeep - Dinner at Fine Dining Restaurant

Morning

You will be picked up at your hotel around **08:00**. Listen to the safety instructions, then get in the car to begin your journey (sites are viewed from outside).

Along the way, you can immerse yourself in the bustling local lifestyle in Hanoi Old Quarter. Then, stop by outstanding attractions of the city, including Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Hanoi Opera House, Long Bien Bridge, etc.



You also can enjoy the calm, fresh air with peaceful views when passing by West Lake, Hoan Kiem Lake, and Red River

Enjoy your lunch at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, after a morning of exploration or leisure, you will have time to relax and prepare for a special evening experience. As the sun begins to set, you will head to one of Hanoi's esteemed fine dining restaurants, where an exquisite dinner awaits.

The restaurant offers a sophisticated ambiance, combining elegant decor with impeccable service. You will be treated to a carefully curated menu that showcases the best of Vietnamese and international cuisine, featuring premium ingredients and artful presentation. Each dish is crafted to highlight the rich flavors and culinary traditions of the region, promising a memorable dining experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 3: Private transfer to Sapa - Cat Cat Village Exploration

Morning

In the morning, a private car will pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi for a scenic transfer to Sapa. The journey takes you through winding mountain roads, lush valleys, and picturesque landscapes, offering a glimpse into the natural beauty of northern Vietnam.

Upon arrival in Sapa, you will check in to your hotel and take some time to relax and refresh.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, your exploration begins with a visit to Cat Cat Village, a charming village located at the foot of the Hoang Lien Son mountain range. This traditional village is home to the Hmong ethnic minority and is famous for its unique cultural heritage and beautiful surroundings.

As you stroll through **Cat Cat Village**, you will discover traditional wooden houses, local workshops where artisans produce textiles and handicrafts, and terraced rice fields that cascade down the hillsides. You will have

the opportunity to learn about the daily life of the Hmong people, observe traditional weaving techniques, and admire the impressive natural scenery.

After the village exploration, you will return to Sapa town, where you can relax at your hotel or enjoy the vibrant local atmosphere at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 4: Fansipan Cable Car

On Day 4, begin your adventure with a departure from Hoang Lien Station, where you will board the **Fansipan Cable Car**. This remarkable ride offers a breathtaking journey over the stunning landscapes of northern Vietnam.

As the cable car ascends, you can admire the panoramic beauty of the romantic Muong Hoa Valley, with its lush rice terraces and scattered ethnic villages below. The journey also reveals the grandeur of Hoang Lien National Park and the towering peaks of the Hoang Lien Son Range, providing an unforgettable view of the region's natural wonders.

The smooth and scenic ride allows ample opportunities to capture photographs and fully absorb the spectacular vistas that unfold before your eyes. After reaching the upper station, you may choose to explore further or simply take in the peaceful atmosphere at this impressive height.

Following your Fansipan experience, you will return to Sapa town to continue enjoying the charm and tranquility of this mountainous region at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 5: Private transfer to Hanoi

On Day 5, after enjoying a relaxing morning in Sapa, you will prepare for your journey back to Hanoi. A private car will be arranged to pick you up from your hotel, ensuring a comfortable and convenient transfer.

The drive offers another opportunity to take in the scenic beauty of the northern mountains, with rolling hills, verdant valleys, and winding rivers accompanying you along the route. You may enjoy the peaceful landscape and reflect on the memorable experiences from your time in Sapa.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will check in to your hotel and have the remainder of the day free to rest, explore the city, or prepare for the next chapter of your journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 6: Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Special Dinner

Morning

07:15 - 07:45: Pick up at your hotel. Hop on a **2-hour** drive to the picturesque countryside of Ninh Binh.

Stop at Hoa Lu, and you will be mesmerized by the stunning scenery. Explore deeper into Hoa Lu and let a sampan trip take you down the [Tam Coc River](#) to behold thousands of fascinating caves and karst mountains.



If time permits, fulfill your venturesome exploit by hiking up to the limestone karst hills and enjoying the spectacular unobstructed view.

Try traditional Vietnamese cuisine for lunch.

Afternoon

Create memories with beautiful photographs of the villages and landscapes along the way. You can challenge yourself by climbing up to [Bich Dong Pagoda](#), hidden in the green tropical forests on Ngu Nhac Mountain.



Evening

After a day of activities or leisure, you will enjoy a special dining experience at **Chez Loan**, a charming private lakeside restaurant in Ninh Binh. This peaceful and intimate setting offers a perfect atmosphere for a memorable evening.

At Chez Loan, you will savor a carefully prepared meal featuring Ninh Binh's local specialty: mountain goat meat. The dishes are crafted using traditional recipes that highlight the authentic flavors and culinary traditions of the region. Surrounded by serene lake views and a tranquil ambiance, your dinner promises to be a delightful and immersive experience.

After dining, you will return to your accommodation in Ninh Binh, where you will spend the night, resting in preparation for the next day's adventures.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ninh Binh

Day 7: Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Overnight On Luxurious Cruise

Morning

Have breakfast at your hotel before starting your trip to Halong. Then you are picked up and hit the road to Halong Bay, a World Heritage Site with outstanding natural beauty.



When reaching the cruise port, you will finish the check-in, get on the boat, and receive a hospitable welcome from the cruise staff team.

Enjoy a delectable lunch on board with dishes meticulously prepared by professional chefs.

Afternoon

During your trip, you will go sightseeing in majestic caves and islands such as Dark & Light Caves, Titov Island, etc., and take part in exciting water activities, including swimming and kayaking.



Return to the cruise, dinner is served right at the cruise's opulent restaurant.

Anchor overnight and take part in different nightlife activities on board: squid-fishing, puzzle games, etc.
(depending on each cruise's facilities)

NOTE: Our tour guide will not escort you on the cruises, but the crew members are fluent in English. Each cruise offers different itineraries.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight cruise in Halong Bay

Day 8: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Morning

Wake up among the refreshing atmosphere and enjoy the splendid sunrise view over the karst formations in Halong Bay by participating in a Tai Chi Class held on the sundeck.



Begin a new excursion to one of the most famous attractions in Halong, such as Trung Trang Cave, Sung Sot Cave, or fishing villages (*The specific itinerary of the cruise tour will depend on each cruise*).

Savor a delicious brunch onboard while leisurely cruising back towards the harbor. Disembark from the cruise at about **11:00 - 11:30**.

Afternoon

Upon disembarkation, a private car will be ready to transfer you back to Hanoi. The drive offers a comfortable journey through the peaceful countryside, giving you time to reflect on the breathtaking natural wonders you have just experienced.

Once you arrive in Hanoi, you will check in to your hotel and have the rest of the day free to relax or explore the city at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 9: Flight to Da Nang - Hoi An stay luxury resort

On Day 9, you will check out from your hotel in Hanoi and transfer to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. After a short and comfortable flight, you will arrive in the vibrant coastal city, where a private car will be waiting to take you to Hoi An.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will check in to a luxury resort that offers an elegant and serene atmosphere, perfect for relaxation. The resort provides premium services and exceptional amenities to ensure a memorable stay.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure, giving you time to unwind at the resort, enjoy its facilities, or begin exploring the charming town of Hoi An at your own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 10: Hoi An Old Town Private Tour by Cyclo

On Day 10, you will immerse yourself in the charm of Hoi An with a private cyclo tour through its historic Old Town. A cyclo, a traditional three-wheeled bicycle taxi, will pick you up and gently carry you through the narrow streets and vibrant alleys of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

As you ride through the ancient town, you will pass beautifully preserved architecture, colorful lantern-lined pathways, and bustling local markets. The private cyclo tour offers a relaxed and intimate way to experience Hoi An's unique atmosphere, allowing you to fully appreciate its timeless beauty at a leisurely pace. After the tour, you can continue to explore on your own or return to your resort for some well-deserved relaxation.



Free time for you to relax for the rest of the day.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 11: Flight to Nha Trang - Overnight at Luxurious resort

Morning

On Day 11, you will check out from your hotel in Hoi An and transfer to the airport for your flight to Nha Trang, a coastal city known for its beautiful beaches and vibrant atmosphere. After a short and pleasant flight, you will arrive in Nha Trang, where a private car will be waiting to take you to your luxurious resort.

Upon arrival at the resort, you will check in and have time to relax in an elegant and tranquil setting. Surrounded by pristine beaches, lush gardens, and top-class facilities, your stay promises to offer comfort, indulgence, and stunning ocean views.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure, whether you choose to unwind by the pool, stroll along the beach, or experience the premium services and amenities the resort has to offer. You will spend a peaceful night at the luxurious resort, ready for more adventures ahead.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 12: Experience Royal Life On Luxury Emperor Cruise (Join-in)

Morning

08:00 - 08:45: Pick up at your hotel and transfer to Nha Trang Port. Upon arrival, you will have a warm greeting from the crew and refresh yourself with a cool beverage.

The cruise captain will briefly introduce the itinerary and safety precautions. The extravagant Emperor Cruise will set sail through the spectacular landscape of **Nha Trang Bay**.



You will pass by **Hon Tam** and **Hon Mot** while enjoying a live guitar performance on the cruise.

When the cruise reaches **Mini Beach**, you can experience various interesting activities such as lying on the pristine white sand feeling the warmth of sunlight, and witnessing the natural beauty of Nha Trang Bay with its clear blue sky and crystal seawater.

Take part in some thrilling aquatic activities such as diving, parachuting, jet skiing, and banana boats (with an additional charge).



Return to the boat and have a sumptuous meal with various fresh seafood from Nha Trang Beach. When you finish your lunch, joining the additional fishing activity is highly recommended.

Afternoon

Get on the **Hon Mieu Island** and learn more about the local life here by visiting the fishing villages, you can experience getting on a local basket boat and going around the fishing area.

Pass by **Bao Dai Villas** on the way back to Nha Trang Port.

NOTE: The tour schedule may have changes, please contact our sales consultants for the updated program.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 13: Nha Trang Free Day on Luxury Resort

Day 13 in this package tour is a free day in Nha Trang, and you can leisurely sunbathe on the beach or go shopping.

If you are a thrill seeker and love to join an extra tour, consider our recommendations below:

Nha Trang Islands & Snorkeling Tour Full Day	FROM US \$94 /pax
Nha Trang Mountain Biking & Rafting Full Day	FROM US \$142 /pax
Discover Nha Trang by Speedboat Full Day	FROM US \$107 /pax



Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 14: Nha Trang Free Day on Luxury Resort

On this free day in Nha Trang, you have the entire day to relax and enjoy the luxurious amenities of your resort. Set against the backdrop of the stunning coastline, the resort offers the perfect opportunity for unwinding and indulging in some well-deserved rest.

You can spend your day lounging by the pool or on the beach, taking in the serene surroundings. For a more active experience, you may choose to visit the resort's spa for a relaxing massage or treatment, or engage in water sports available at the beach, such as snorkeling, kayaking, or paddleboarding.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 15: Nha Trang - Fly To Ho Chi Minh City - Luxury Dinner on Cruise

Morning

Spare time to relax before the flight to Ho Chi Minh. When reaching Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you are transferred to your splendid hotel in the city center. Check in at the hotel, and you are free to relax in your room.

Afternoon

At around **18:45**, a pick-up will be arranged to take you from your accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City to Nha Rong Port, also known as Saigon Port. This marks the beginning of an unforgettable evening.

The Saigon River, which carries the cultural essence of Ho Chi Minh City, will be the setting for your dinner. As the boat departs from the pier, you will embark on a relaxing cruise along the river, offering you a chance to enjoy the stunning nighttime scenery of the city's skyline, illuminated buildings, and peaceful river views.

Onboard, the chef and staff will prepare a variety of delicious dishes, showcasing a mix of fusion and traditional Vietnamese flavors. The premium menu includes a wide range of exquisite foods, ensuring a delightful dining experience as you relax and enjoy the surroundings.

During the cruise, you will have plenty of opportunities to take photos against the backdrop of the city's beautiful skyline and the gentle flow of the Saigon River. The evening provides a perfect atmosphere for creating cherished memories with your loved ones.

As the tour winds down, at approximately **20:45**, the ship will make its way back to the pier, concluding this relaxing and memorable evening on the Saigon River.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh city

Day 16: RV Mekong Princess Cruise Upstream 3 days: Saigon - Can Tho

Morning

Our guide will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the Mekong Princess. Please provide your hotel details in advance and be prepared to await the shuttle service at your hotel between 10:00 and 11:00.

Upon arrival at the Mekong Princess, you will board the ship, where a safety briefing will be conducted in the Ramvong Lounge. The Vietnamese and Cambodian crew will warmly welcome you as you begin your extraordinary journey of discovery along the Mekong River.

Shortly after departure, you will enjoy a delicious lunch prepared with oriental hospitality. Once you have settled into your luxurious suites, you will have time to relax, take in the changing scenery, and observe the surrounding world from the comfort of the ship.

Afternoon

As the journey progresses, the ship will navigate through a network of waterways, including the Saigon River, the Soai Rap River, the Nuoc Man Canal, the Vam Co River, and the Cho Gao Canal, all leading to the mighty Mekong River.

You will anchor in the heart of the Mekong Delta, where you can savor expertly crafted cocktails while enjoying the breathtaking sunset. The passing sampans and traditional life along the river provide an authentic and

picturesque backdrop for the evening.

Evening

Later in the evening, you will dine in the Indochine Restaurant, where a classic Vietnamese "A La Carte" dinner will be served. The menu offers a delicate fusion of dishes, carefully prepared to satisfy the most discerning palates, making for a memorable and flavorful dining experience as you continue your journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: RV Mekong Princess Cruise

Day 16: Ben Tre - Can Tho

Morning

The day begins with an exciting sampan ride that will guide you along a channel bordered by lush mangroves, leading you to a local coconut candy workshop. At the workshop, you will witness the traditional process of making **coconut candy**, a delightful local treat. Afterward, you can stroll through a nearby orchard, where native Vietnamese fruits are showcased at various stages of growth, offering a unique insight into the region's agricultural practices.

Following the orchard visit, a refreshing fruit tasting will allow you to sample some of the fresh and exotic produce grown in the Mekong Delta. Once refreshed, you will board a local boat, with two guests per boat, at a pier. As you navigate through the narrow creeks adorned with Nipah Palm, you will enjoy the tranquility and beauty of the Delta's waterways.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, the ship will continue its journey through an untouched region of the Mekong Delta, an area rarely visited by tourists. As you make your way towards Can Tho city, the riverside capital of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, you will have the chance to take in the stunning natural beauty of this less-explored part of the region.

Upon arrival in Can Tho, you can partake in a brief city tour. The tour includes a visit to the Zihuang Pagoda (Chua Ong), a significant cultural site in the area. You will also have the opportunity to witness traditional unicorn dances, a vibrant and entertaining aspect of local culture.

Evening

After the city tour, you will have some free time to explore Can Tho at your leisure. Take a stroll through the charming streets or visit local markets to soak in the atmosphere of this bustling riverside city.

Later in the evening, you will return to the ship to indulge in a delicious dinner onboard. The ship will dock in Can Tho for the night, where you can relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the Mekong Delta before continuing your journey the next day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Can Tho

Day 18: Can Tho - Disembarkation - Departure

After enjoying a delicious breakfast onboard, the day begins with a sampan ride to the captivating Cai Rang floating market, one of the most vibrant and lively markets in the Mekong Delta. Each morning, numerous boats gather at the market to trade a variety of fresh produce and essential items that are vital for the local residents.

As you navigate through the bustling market, you will have the perfect opportunity to capture stunning photographs of the market's activity, with colorful boats filled with fruits and goods. During the visit, you can also indulge in fresh fruit and enjoy a refreshing glass of Vietnam's famous "anti-aging drink," fresh coconut water, which is both delicious and nourishing.

Before returning to the ship, the group will make a stop at a local noodle factory. This visit will provide a fascinating glimpse into the noodle-making process, showcasing the traditional techniques used to produce one of Vietnam's staple foods.

At **10:30**, disembarkation is scheduled, marking the end of your memorable journey along the Mekong River. After that, you will be taken to the airport to catch your flight home, bringing an end to your enriching adventure in the Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel.
- All transport and transfer by air conditioned vehicle (including airport pick up and see off), as per itinerary
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Domestic flight Hanoi – Danang, Danang - Nha Trang, Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh city.
- Fansipan cable car ticket
- Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)
- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except for domestic flight tickets.
- 04 - under 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate.
- From 11 years old: count as an adult.

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