

VIETNAM INTRO

12 DAYS



Offering steaming bowls of spicy Pho, lush green rice fields surrounding the Mekong Delta, and the emerald green waters of Ha Long Bay, Vietnam is the gift that just keeps on giving, and we couldn't love it any more. That's why we created Vietnam Intro, a 12 day adventure that takes you from north to south, including Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. Experience the thrill of staying overnight in the breathtaking Ha Long Bay, discover bustling cities by rickshaw, squeeze through the Cu Chi tunnels and gorge on street food as you dive deep into all things Vietnam. Oh, and did we mention you'll be doing all this with an awesome group leader, plus an instant crew of new mates? The trip of a lifetime just got even better...

HANOI ➔ HO CHI MINH CITY

Transport: Minivan, Bus, Boat, Overnight Train, Plane.

Meals: 10B, 5L, 2D

Group size: 4 - 22

Age Range: 18 - 39

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive into the culture, food and fast paced lifestyle of buzzing Hanoi
- Kayak through caves and sleep onboard a boat surrounded by emerald green water in Ha Long Bay
- Visit the beautiful countryside of Ninh Binh and sleep at a local homestay
- Experience local village life amongst the green rice paddies of the Mekong Delta

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 11 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 17 Meals
- ✓ All Transport & Internal Flight
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Walking & Rickshaw Tour of Hanoi
- ✓ Night Out in Hanoi
- ✓ Overnight Boat Trip on Ha Long Bay
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Local Homestay Experience
- ✓ Bicycle Tour of Ninh Binh
- ✓ Rice Paddies
- ✓ River Boat Cruise
- ✓ Dragon Mountain Viewpoint
- ✓ Cooking Class
- ✓ Visit Local Markets
- ✓ Basket Boat Crab Fishing
- ✓ Lantern Making Class
- ✓ Cu Chi Tunnels Tours
- ✓ Traditional Mud Fishing
- ✓ Mekong Delta Experience
- ✓ Local Village Visit
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

NOT INCLUDED:

International flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN HANOI

• **HANOI** Landing in Hanoi, we'll meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation in the heart of the city. Meet up with your travel crew and get excited for the adventures to come.

DAY 2 - RICKSHAW EXPLORING

• **HANOI** We'll jump straight into the hustle and bustle of Hanoi today with a walking and rickshaw tour of the city. Soak in daily life in the chaotic capital and fill up on spicy spring rolls and tasty street food. This evening we'll be heading out for dinner and drinks to see what Hanoi has to offer after dark.

DAY 3 - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT BOAT

• **HA LONG BAY** From Hanoi we'll travel to Ha Long Bay, where we'll cruise the emerald green waters surrounded by limestone mountains, feeling like we're not quite on this planet. The secret caves and coves will prove too much to resist, so we'll jump into kayaks to explore further before settling down for the evening on our overnight boat.

DAY 4 - NINH BINH HOMESTAY

• **NINH BINH** The rice paddies and vast limestone mountains of Ninh Binh await us today, where we'll be staying at a local homestay in traditional bungalows right by the river.

DAY 5 - BIKE RIDES, ROW BOATS & DRAGON MOUNTAIN

• **NINH BINH** Heading out to explore the countryside retreat of Ninh Binh, we'll take to two wheels to weave through the rice paddies before taking a local row boat through the network of rivers and caves. We'll finish our time here with a hike to the Dragon Mountain viewpoint, before boarding our overnight train bound for Hoi An.

DAY 6 - EXPLORE HOI AN

• **HOI AN** Beautiful, historical Hoi An will win you over in an instant as we arrive this morning. We'll check in to our hotel, then this afternoon you'll have time to explore, go shopping, or perhaps visit a local tailor to get a custom suit or dress made.

DAY 7 - BASKET FISHING & COOKING CLASS

• **HOI AN** Local fishermen will be our guides today as we weave through coconut groves, teaching us the art of crab fishing. We'll then take part in a hands on cooking class to become masters of all things Vietnamese cuisine.

DAY 8 - LANTERN MAKING CLASS & BEACH DAY

• **HOI AN** Today you'll try your hand at making an awesome Vietnamese souvenir – a lantern! Then we'll enjoy a chilled beach day with some lunch at a cool beach club.

DAY 9 - TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH CITY

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** Taking to the skies, we'll head south to the bustling city of Ho Chi Minh. The rest of the day will be yours to explore.

DAY 10 - LOCAL LIFE ON THE MEKONG DELTA

• **MEKONG DELTA** Today we'll explore the incredibly lush green beauty of the Mekong Delta. See how locals live and work on the river, visit local villages, and stay tonight in a local homestay.

DAY 11 - CU CHI TUNNELS

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** The Cu Chi Tunnels are on the agenda for today. This network of hand dug underground tunnels played a crucial role in the Vietnam War, providing supply routes, hideouts and living quarters for soldiers. Arriving back into Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon, we'll be dressing sharp for our farewell dinner and party this evening.

DAY 12 - DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** Your unforgettable 12 day adventure will come to an end today. Those flying home will make their way to the airport, or keep living the dream and extend your stay in Vietnam or South East Asia with our help and the new friends you've made.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of Vietnam before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to Vietnam.

AFTER VIETNAM INTRO

Vietnam Intro 12 Day finishes in Ho Chi Minh City in the south of Vietnam. If you're staying on longer in Vietnam, your group leader will help organise any of your onward travel.

If you need to get back to Ho Chi Minh City airport then it's a simple taxi ride that will take around 30 minutes and cost around £10 / \$20. We can organise this for you in Vietnam. If you need to get back to Hanoi then the easiest way is to get yourself a cheap internal flight, we can help you with this. Just let your group leader know when you arrive.

VISAS

It's important to check your visa requirements before arriving in Vietnam.

Please refer to our [FAQs](#) page for all up to date visa information [Vietnam](#).

Please note that while the above information is currently accurate, visa rules can often change so it's always best to check before departing.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Vietnam is compulsory to join Vietnam Intro. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself [here](#).



ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

HANOI - BONJOUR D'AN NAM HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A boutique hotel in the heart of the Old Quarter.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Spa Facilities



HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT BOAT

1 NIGHT An amazing boat with

incredible views. Twin/Triple/Double

Rooms Ensuite Air Con



NINH BINH - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

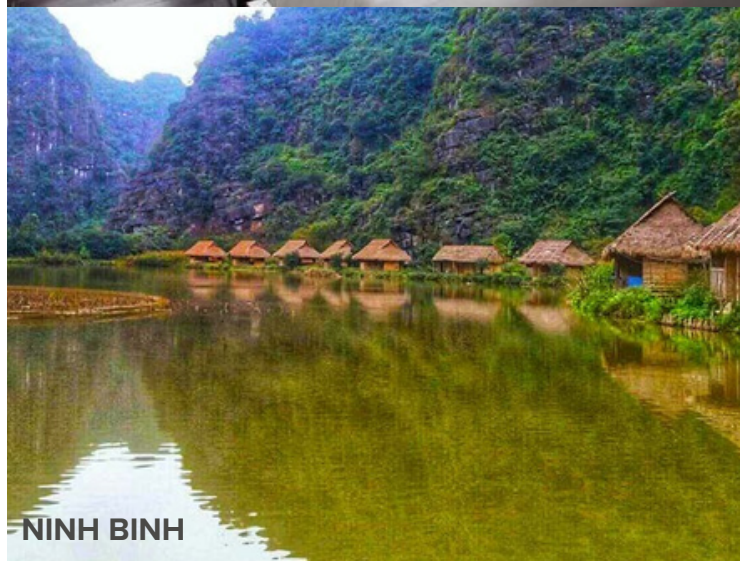
Private riverside bungalows in a magical setting.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Riverside Hammocks



OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

A bed on a great journey.

4 Share Cabin

Bathrooms Onboard

Air Con

Epic Views!



HOI AN - THANH BINH 2 HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

A nice hotel in a great location.

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool



HOI AN

HO CHI MINH - LIBERTY SAIGON

GREENVIEW HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

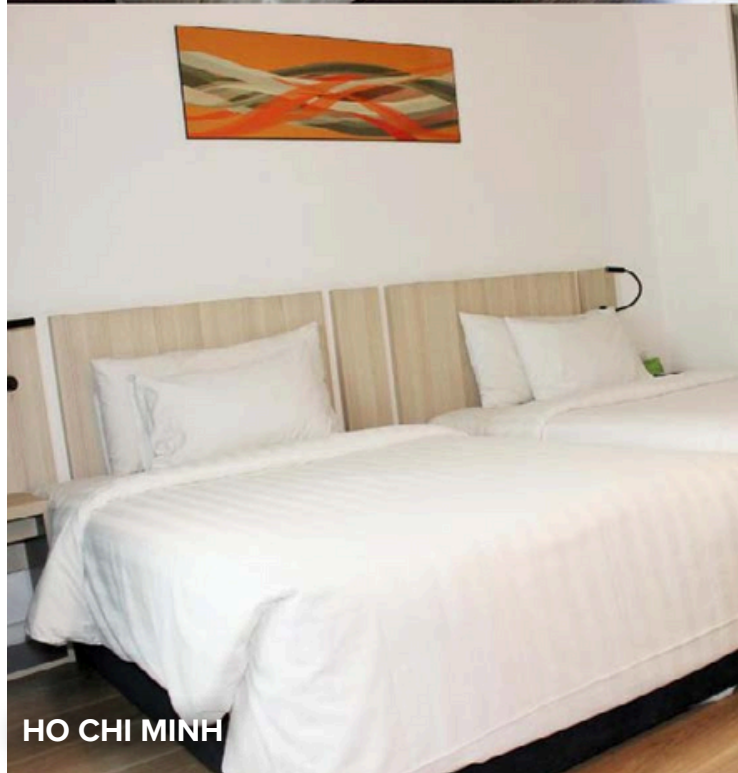
A local hotel close to all the action.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Laundry



HO CHI MINH

MEKONG DELTA - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

Authentic bungalows on a tiny island in the Mekong.

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi



MEKONG DELTA

IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

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SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

FAQS



DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout the Vietnam so it's easy to get access to cash.



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Vietnam](#).



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Vietnam's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT VIETNAM?

It's always a good time to go travelling in Vietnam. Most months of the year you will experience both sunshine and possibly some rain. It's usually quite hot and humid most of the time, but it can occasionally get cold, especially in the north of Vietnam between November and February, so it's always best to bring a couple of warm layers with your summer clothing.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Vietnam and Vietnam Intro, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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