



DISCOVER VIETNAM'S CHARM WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Luxury World Journey Splendours of Vietnam

15 Days | 10 Oct – 24 Oct 2018 | AUD\$10,250pp twin share | Single Supplement \$2,500

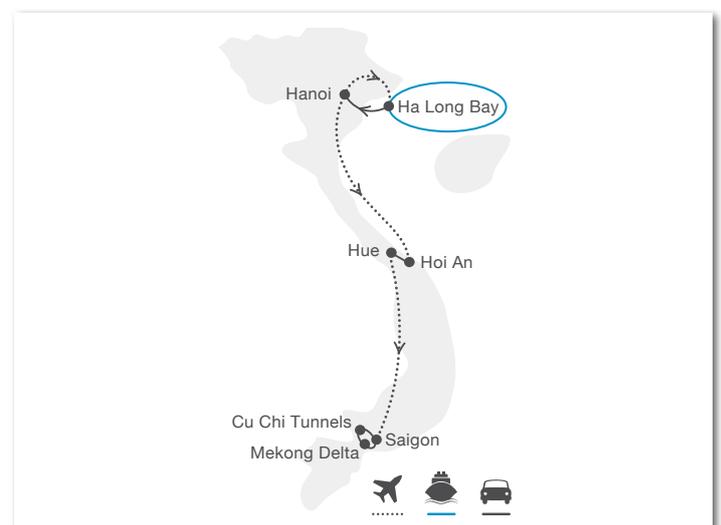
EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Visit the diverse and vibrant cities of Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Hue and Ho Chi Minh (Saigon)
- ✦ Luxury accommodation throughout including the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel Hanoi, Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel, La Residence Hue and Anantara Hoi An
- ✦ 2 nights onboard the luxurious Paradise Prestige cruise vessel, complete with river-facing suites and first-class service as you sail past floating villages
- ✦ All meals including 'dining at leisure' options
- ✦ All touring and transfers throughout including seaplane flight from Ha Long Bay, entrance fees and portage
- ✦ Escorted throughout by an experienced Journey Director and local English speaking guides who will share the history and culture of their regions

"Too many highlights to list! Everyday was a delight with every day another great experience."

Mrs Christine Miles, Glenorie, NSW

Discover the remarkable beauty, culture and history of Vietnam from the bustling cities of Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi to the World Heritage town of Hoi An on this 15 day journey. Included is 2 nights cruising the World Heritage waterways of spectacular Ha Long Bay. Be enchanted by a country which proudly preserves its centuries old culture yet offers superb modern facilities making travelling throughout Vietnam a true first class experience. This small group Luxury World Journey is fully inclusive with superb accommodation throughout, all meals, fascinating touring experiences and the dedicated services of a Journey Director plus local English speaking guides throughout. The Splendours of Vietnam is a journey which offers extraordinary sights and experiences. A South East Asian odyssey to delight the senses awaits.





EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM

DAY 1 | ARRIVE HANOI

Arriving into Hanoi, a private transfer awaits to transport you through to your luxury hotel. Meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel or similar

DAY 2 | HANOI

With ochre-coloured colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes, Hanoi is full of charm. Begin the morning with a visit to the Presidential Palace and hear about the man who led Vietnam's campaign for independence from French colonial rule, Ho Chi Minh. See the One Pillar Pagoda built by an emperor to honour the goddess of mercy. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this remarkable city or relax at the hotel.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel or similar

DAY 3 | HANOI

Today we begin with a visit to the Ngoc Son temple set on a tiny island on the picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake. Hear the legend of an emperor and how the lake took its name. Take a breezy cyclo ride through the Old Quarter's 36 streets, named for the products that were sold from their shops. Today, vendors on Tin and Bamboo Streets still sell the same wares. End your day with a delightful water puppet show, a traditional art that is still being performed today.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel or similar

DAY 4 | HANOI - HA LONG BAY

This morning we board a seaplane for the short yet incredibly scenic flight to Ha Long Bay, known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests. Embark your junk, the elegant Paradise Prestige and cruise to some of Ha Long's most beautiful caves. This afternoon we enjoy a cooking demonstration.

For a memorable dinner, dress up with the ship's captain in traditional Bao Dai dress.

Overnight: Paradise Prestige or similar

DAY 5 | HA LONG BAY

Wake up to the majestic beauty of Ha Long Bay and perhaps enjoy some morning exercise by practicing the ancient art of Tai Chi on the sundeck. Afterwards, enjoy a hearty international breakfast menu as you cruise to Ti Top Island. After viewing the

incredible Karst formations of Ti Top, we move on to Tung Sau Pearl Farm to see how these beautiful creations are harvested.

Next we cruise to Cua Van floating village to visit the local community via a bamboo boat. Learn about how the locals live in this unique location. We spend another evening aboard the Paradise Luxury, dining with your fellow passengers and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of Ha Long Bay. Lunch and dinner are served on board.

Overnight: Paradise Prestige or similar

DAY 6 | HA LONG BAY - HOI AN

After breakfast we transfer to Hanoi and our onward flight to Da Nang. Arriving in Da Nang we transfer to our riverside accommodation, the Anantara Hoi An Resort for an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight: Anantara Hoi An Resort or similar

DAY 7 | HOI AN

The Lifestart Foundation was founded in 2000 by an Australian and runs programs which are designed to effect a generational change. Enjoy a traditional painting and drawing class and a traditional lantern-making class before returning to Hoi An. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was a prosperous trading port. Today, this World Heritage-listed ancient town boasts well-preserved buildings allowing visitors a glimpse of its illustrious past. This afternoon is at leisure, time to explore or relax at our hotel.

Overnight: Anantara Hoi An Resort or similar

DAY 8 | HOI AN

This morning visit the local produce market before cruising along the Thu Bon River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. Here you will tour the school's herb gardens and enjoy an informal cooking lesson. Your chef will explain the secrets of popular Hoi An specialties.

Overnight: Anantara Hoi An Resort or similar

DAY 9 | HOI AN - HUE

Today we drive along one of Vietnam's most beautiful stretches of road, the Hai Van Pass from Hoi An to our classic colonial style hotel, La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa situated on the fabled Perfume River for a day at leisure.

Overnight: La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa or similar



DAY 10 | HUE

Our day starts with a trip to the ancient walled Citadel containing the former Imperial Palace. The Citadel was closely modelled along the lines of the Forbidden City in Beijing. After that, we will set out on a tour to see the final resting place of the Emperors by visiting Khai Dinh Royal Tomb and Thien Mu pagoda.

Overnight: La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa or similar

DAY 11 | HUE - HO CHI MINH

Transfer this morning to the airport for our short flight to Ho Chi Minh, a city that never sleeps with over eight million inhabitants and four million motorbikes. We arrive at our luxury accommodation, the centrally located Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel named Vietnam's Leading Hotel. An afternoon at leisure to relax or explore this vibrant city.

Overnight: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel or similar

DAY 12 | HO CHI MINH

Today visit historic landmarks including Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office, designed by the French architect, Gustave Eiffel. Continue your visit to the former Presidential Palace, and the War Remnants Museum for a vivid insight into the war years. We will also see the Saigon Opera House and Tan Dinh market.

Overnight: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel or similar

DAY 13 | MEKONG DELTA

After driving south, board our private boat for a glimpse at river life. Make stops along the way to provide glimpses of local cottage industries, including factories for the production of coconut candy and puffed rice, products that provide a living for the river people.

Overnight: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel or similar

DAY 14 | CU CHI TUNNELS

Today takes us to the Cu Chi Tunnels which were dug in 1948 for the guerrillas to hide in, protected from French air and ground sweeps then later used during the Vietnam War. The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy some last minute shopping before our farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel or similar

DAY 15 | DEPART HO CHI MINH

After a morning at leisure we transfer to the airport for our flight home taking with us memories of an incredible South East Asian adventure.

"Every day was a different unique experience, impossible to choose highlights – each day was a highlight. Fantastic trip to very interesting places."

Mrs Andra Donovan, Weston, ACT





ABOUT LUXURY WORLD JOURNEYS

Our worldwide collection of journeys are operated by a select number of preferred travel partners who we have chosen because of their expertise within specific regions and who combine the same style and superior level of service that has become synonymous with Bill Peach Journeys. Each of the worldwide journeys have a Bill Peach Journeys stamp of quality.

When you travel on a Bill Peach Luxury World Journey everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

"Each day held its own highlights, because it was all new to us seeing places and doing things we have only heard about and never dreamt of doing"

Mr Rex & Mrs Coral Roberts, Oatley, NSW

WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name you can trust with over 34 years of experience in the luxury travel industry
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout Asia requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 55% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey



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