



## **Tentative Itinerary**

### **Vietnam Program – North and South**

#### **Day 1 (28 June, 2019): Depart from Chicago to Hanoi**

#### **Day 2 (29 June, 2019): Hanoi Arrival – Welcome – Free Time (Dinner)**

- Arrive in Hanoi
- Our guide will meet you at the airport with a sign saying “ARAMFO GSU Vietnam 2019” and transfer you to hotel, check in and free time at leisure (Note: Official check in time is from 2:00pm.)
- **Dinner at 7:00pm at a local restaurant**

*Inclusions: Private A/C transfer, English-speaking tour guide, dinner, hotel accommodation, water*

#### **Day 3 (30 June, 2019): Hanoi City Tour Full Day (B, D)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- 08:00am pick up from your hotel
- Visit the President Ho Chi Minh complex including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Monday and Friday, and all afternoon), the Presidential Palace (view from outside only), president’s House on stilts, Fishpond & garden, One Pillar pagoda
- Visit Hanoi Temple of Literature which is one of very famous sightseeing tourist spot in Hanoi, The Temple of Literature is not just a Temple to worship Confucius, the founder of the Confucianism, but it also play a very important function as the very first royal University of Vietnam founded since the 10<sup>th</sup> century where many Vietnamese kings and the sons of the royal families studied, the university later also opened for all talented students from ordinary families in the nation wide the country to study and later to service the country...
- **Lunch on your own**
- Vietnam Museum of Ethnology
- Walking around Hoan kiem lake and Ngoc Son temple
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Back to hotel
- Free time & overnight at hotel in Hanoi city

*Inclusions: Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English-speaking tour guide, dinner, entrance fee, hotel accommodation, water*

#### **Day 4 (01 July, 2019): Hanoi – Halong Bay – Overnight On Cruise (B, L, D)**

- Breakfast at hotel and check out
- Pick up at 07:30am and depart Hanoi city for Halong Bay (distance 160km, a stop for a break time on half way). You will enjoy the drive and sightseeing the peaceful country side scenery during the drive (4 hours),
- Arrival at the Ha Long bay seaport (around noon time)
- 12.00 mid-day, go on the cruise, check in & enjoy a welcome drink while your cabin is assigned.
- Check in the cabin and put luggage in and relax or do a short exploration tour by going around the cruise to learn about the cruise’s properties and facilities
- **A sumptuous lunch** with fresh seafood meal will be served while cruise slowly gliding out into the Halong bay.



- It's a wonderful opportunity to admire thousands of islands and islets with magnificent caves and grottoes at the inside the islands, admiring sparkling stalactites and stalagmites like germs and listening to the legends of the Dragons and the land and sea scape in the area,
- Relax, sightseeing and taking some photos
- You may enjoy extra activities organized on board (depends on each cruise' program, such as visiting a floating village, going for kayaking ( notice: extra activities subject to availability, kayaking fee is on own expense, can be available on request at Cruise's reception )
- Relax on cruise during the happy hours or may join in a cooking demonstration, watching the sunset on Cruise.
- **Dinner is served on cruise**
- After dinner, free at leisure time to relax on Cruise and socialize with other guests or can join in some other evening activities such as squid fishing...,
- Overnight in your cabin on the Cruise.

*Inclusions: Hotel breakfast, private A/C transfer, English speaking tour guide, entrance fee, full board, joint Cruise in Halong bay with 06 private cabins (2 persons share 1 cabin)*

#### **Day 5 (02 July, 2019): Halong Bay Cruise – Hanoi – Flight To Hue (B, L, D)**

- Early risers may be awarded a great chance to enjoy the sunrise and enjoy the amazingly peaceful breath-taking beauties of Ha Long Bay's seascape in early morning.
- Refresh your body & soul with a Tai-chi lesson on sundeck.
- Breakfast will be served
- You continue enjoy the sightseeing tour on the cruise until noon time, sightseeing, taking photographs & relax on board
- At about 09:30 – 10:00, pack up your luggage and check out your cabin while cruising returning to the boat pier.
- **Lunch will be served on Cruise**
- 11:30 am – Return to pier, and disembark the Cruise & say fare well to all crew member,
- Meet again the driver and the bus for another 4 driving back to Hanoi,
- You will be transferred to Airport for 1 hour flight to Hue city
- On arrival Hue city airport, pick up and transfer to hotel, check in, free & easy
- Free time & Overnight in Hue city

*Inclusions: private A/C land transfer, breakfast, lunch, English speaking tour guide, entrance fee, Halong cruise – disembark at noon time, private transfer to Airport, tour guide in Hue & hotel in Hue*

#### **Day 6 (03 July, 2019) : Hue City Tour & Boat Trip To Thien Mu Pagoda (B, D)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- We begin the Hue city sightseeing tour with a visit the **Imperial Citadel** to the **Nguyen Dynasty's Forbidden Royal Palace**, viewing the **Flag Tower**, the **Noon Gate**, Five Phoenix Pavilion, enter the Thai Hoa Palace (the **Great Harmony Palace**) where the Nguyen Kings held courts, keep walking to see the **The Mieu Temple** where all the Nguyen kings are worshiped, the **Nine holy Dynastic Urns**...
- **Lunch on your own**
- After lunch, the next visit is **2 of the King's Tombs**, recommended is the Tomb of **King Minh Mang** and **King Khai Dinh**...



- Aboard a Cruise for **boat trip** for sightseeing tour on Perfumed River, the river name taken by one kind of grass with a special fragrance from river's upstream which scented the river's water, taking a boat trip is the best way for you to enjoy the landscape along two banks of Huong river, where the tranquility and the pure of the water make you feel in love with the land, the river as well as Hue people.
- Disembark the Cruise for a visit to the **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Celestial Lady Temple) to learn about a holy tale related to the history of the land and also the construction of the Buddhist Temple
- Return central Hue city by car/ van,
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Free time & Overnight in Hue

*Inclusions: Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English speaking tour guide, boat trip, entrance fee, dinner, accommodation, water*

#### **Day 7 (04 July, 2019): Hue – Danang – Hoi An – Free & Easy (B, D)**

- Depart to Hoian, stop on Hai Van Mountain Pass (of 30 km length) for some stops for sightseeing tour and taking photographs from the top of the mountain..
- On arrival in Danang city, we take a visit the Cham Museum to learn about the Cham people's history, culture, and especially architecture and sculpture with stones, temples and towers, these are truly magnificent & unique artworks of a people who once founded, existed and developed very brilliantly in Vietnam soil from about the 4th until the 13th centuries
- **Lunch on your own**
- In the afternoon, we a visit the Marble mountain which is a cluster of five hills made from limestone and marble, and named after the 5 essential elements including metal, wood, water, fire and earth, , Marble Mountains are a well-known pilgrimage site with peaks, caves, tunnels and temples all just waiting to be discovered.
- On arrival in Hoi An, check in the hotel
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Free & easy and overnight at the hotel in Hoi An

*Inclusions: Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English speaking tour guide,, entrance fee, dinner, accommodation, water*

#### **Day 8 (05 July, 2019) : Hoi An Walking Tour – Flight To Ho Chi Minh City (B, D)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Enjoy a half day walking tour for an exploration around the Ancient town of Hoi An. Hoi An was the busiest purchasing center and a port in the past of Chinese, Japanese... so it still has many kinds of old houses brings architecture of these country nowadays. An ancient town is known as the hidden charm. Visit the Tan Ky old house, Japanese bridge, Hoi Quan Phuc Kien pagoda and Hoi An Handicraft village along Thu Bon river. Hoi An is famous for ancient houses and lantern village which creates this town has special interest to tourists, back to hotel, free time
- **Lunch on your own**
- In afternoon, leaving Hoi An for Da Nang Airport for a short flight to Ho Chi Minh city
- On arrival at the Ho Chi Minh city Airport, being picked up and transfer to your hotel in central Ho Chi Minh city
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Free time & overnight in Ho Chi Minh city



**Inclusions:** Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English speaking tour guide, entrance fee, dinner, accommodation in Ho Chi Minh city, water

#### **Day 9 (06 July, 2019): Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels (B, D)**

- After breakfast, we visit Cu Chi tunnels.
- Watching a short introductory video showing how they were constructed, then spend the next hour exploring the maze of tunnels. Also on display are various mantraps, the remains of an American tank and numerous bomb craters made by 500-pound bombs dropped by B52 bombers. For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range, back to Ho Chi Minh city
- **Lunch on your own**
- After the lunch, spend the afternoon, tour continued by visiting to the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Post Office, The Reunification Palace, The War Remnants Museum, Ben Thank market, back to hotel, free time.
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Free time & overnight in Ho Chi Minh city

**Inclusions:** Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English speaking tour guide,, entrance fee, dinner, accommodation, water

#### **Day 10 (07 July, 2019): Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong River Delta (B, D)**

- 08:00am – Pick up from your hotel, 02 hours riding with land transfer from Ho Chi Minh city to My Tho city, enjoying sightseeing with countryside scenery along the way to Mekong Delta
- 10:00 am, arrival in My Tho town, getting embark a motor boat for a leisurely cruising tour along the tributary of the Mekong Delta River for a close-up view of local rural life style with the stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank.
- Boat proceed to Tortoise Island, disembark the cruise for a while, start wandering around through the island and orchard gardens where you can try tasting with honey tea and some various samples of fresh juicy tropical fruits while listening to the traditional classical music being performed by the local music band.
- Having lunch at a local restaurant (recommended)
- Tour continued with a visit to a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste a delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you take a horse driven cart tour moving along the villages for more sightseeing
- Taking a hand rowing sampan for a while, moving through Mekong Delta small canals thickly covered with water coconut forests for a great real experience of the rural life on water of the Mekong Delta region
- Taking motor boat back to pier
- 14:00 Disembark, meet again the driver for two hours driving back to Ho Chi Minh city
- 16:30 Arrival at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh city, free time
- **Dinner is served at a local restaurant**
- Free time & overnight in Ho Chi Minh city

**Inclusions:** Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfer, English speaking tour guide,, boat trip, entrance fees, lunch, dinner, horse driven carts, accommodation, water



**Day 11 (08 July, 2019): Ho Chi Minh City – Departure (B)**

- Breakfast at hotel
- You enjoy your free & easy time relaxing or shopping on own arrangement
- Later, pick up and leaving Ho Chi Minh city for a 2 hour flight to Hanoi city
- On arrival at Hanoi Airport, being picked up (without tour guide) and transfer to your hotel in central Hanoi city
- Dinner on your own
- Free time & overnight in Hanoi city

*Inclusions: Hotel breakfast, A/C private transfers, English speaking in Ho Chi Minh city only, accommodation in Hanoi city, water*

**Day 12 (09 July, 2019): Transfer to the airport. End of services**

*Inclusions: hotel breakfast, accommodation- check out at 12:00 noon, private A/C transfer to Airport*

**Cost Covers:**

International flight

3 domestic flights in Vietnam

Private BUS with 29 seats

Private bus with 29 seats for the round trip Hanoi – Halong Bay (2 day/ 1 night trip)

Hotel accommodation based on triple occupancy

Joint Cruise in Ha Long Bay 2 Days 1 night, with 06 private cabins, (DOUBLE or TWIN cabins), full board. No drinks or alcoholic drinks

Kayaking in Halong Bay

Meals as described in the itinerary (10 B, 2 L and 9 D)

Professional English speaking tour guide as specified

Entrance fee admissions according to the itinerary

Boat trip in Hue on Perfume River

Boat trip in Mekong Delta in My Tho town

Daily water for complementary

International Health Insurance

Tourist Visa

**Room Upgrade:**

\$150 per person for double occupancy

\$400 per person for single occupancy