





### **SENTEURS DU VIETNAM**

Since 2014, we are pleased to welcome travelers to our agency, to guide and advise them in their travels. Our excellent knowledge of the country allows us to organize original stays, off the beaten track. With "Senteurs du Vietnam", we offer tailor-made trips, adapted to everyone's desires and budget.

## **ARNAULD**

In 2013, I went to Vietnam for a month to visit my brother, who settled in Hue. Traveling through the north and center of the country, I was particularly charmed by the Vietnamese way of life, its culture and the kindness of its inhabitants. The love at first sight for this country was such that I decided to settle there permanently to make my life there.

## **GAULTHIER**

In 2012, after touring all over Vietnam, hitchhiking and motorcycling, I had a real crush on Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. Settling here was an evidence! I decided, without any hesitation, to move there since 2013 and to this day, I still don't know if I adopted Hue or if Hue adopted me!!

## CIRCUIT HANOI - HO CHI MINH **LUXURY**

## **TRIP**

2 or 4 adults 14 days TRIP REF. CDL001



### **SCHEDULE**

Days 1 and 2 Hanoi Day 3 Mai Chau Days 4 and 5 Tam Coc Day 6 **Halong Bay** Days 7 and 8 Hue Days 9 to 11 Hoi An Ho Chi Minh Days 12 to 14



## CIRCUIT HANOI – HO CHI MINH DISCOVERY TRIP

For your stay in Vietnam, we suggest you to start your visit with **Hanoi**, the capital city, lively and captivating, renowned for its gastronomy and rich cultural heritage. Between temples and pagodas, historical monuments and typical neighborhoods with traditional houses, you will be amazed by its beauty.

Go to meet the ethnic minority of **Mai Chau**, then, at the rice fields of **Tam Coc**, green area surrounded by steep mountains, you will be dazzled by the splendor of landscapes unique in the world.

Then enjoy an unforgettable cruise in **Halong Bay,** a true natural treasure of Vietnam, unique with its rocky peaks diving in the turquoise waters.

In Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam, the refinement of the Imperial City, with its temples and gardens, will captivate you, then discover **Hoi An**, a picturesque, fascinating port city, at night, with its thousands of multicolored lanterns.

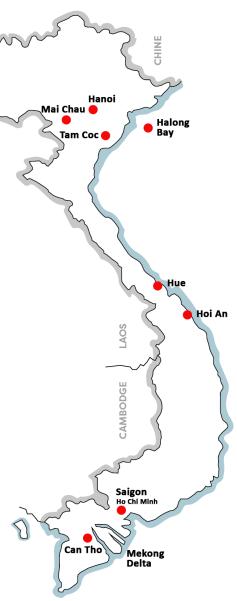
Finish your stay in the vibrant city of **Ho Chi Minh** and venture out onto the meanders of the **Mekong Delta**.

















Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you at the airport then transfer to the hotel for the check-in. You will then receive our **Travel Book** with useful information and restaurant recommendations for your trip and your **eSim.** 

Then, **around 10 a.m.**, dive into the atmosphere of Hanoi in the 36-guild district during **a cyclo ride**.

Take a gourmet break and enjoy the egg coffee, a specialty of the city.

Visit **Tran Quoc Pagoda** on the shores of Ho Tay Lake.

After lunch, discover the **Temple of literature**, before ending the day with a visit to the **Vietnamese women's museum** where traditional women's costumes are remarkably highlighted.





Leisure day in Hanoi.







## **TEMPLE OF LITERATURE**

Located in the old city of Hanoi, this temple has a very important place in the hearts of the Vietnamese. Indeed, it has cultural and historical value and is part of the local heritage.

It represents the quintessence of Vietnam's millennial cultural traditions, education and talent valorization.

Dedicated for centuries to Confucius and scholars, it is a magical place, full of poetry, very soothing in its green setting; the finely crafted pavilions are reflected in its lakes and ponds.





## Day 3 | Hanoi - Mai Chau | B, L

Departure with our **English-speaking tour guide around 8 a.m.** to go to **Mai Chau.** 

Stop at the top of the pass to enjoy the **panoramic view of the Mai Chau valley.** Then continue the journey to the village of Mai Chau, home of the White Thais ethnic minority, whom you meet during you **lunch with the locals**.

In the afternoon, **bicycle ride** to discover the activities of the locals go to the join **the hotel**.





Departure with our **English-speaking tour guide around 10 a.m.** to go to Ninh Binh.

On the way, take a break to discover the landscapes of the region and admire the norias. Lunch on the way.







## WHITE THAI MINORITY

The Thai people in Vietnam have a common origin with Thai groups in southern China, Laos, Thailand and Rurma

Their ancestors are from the Bach Viet group living in southern China and northeastern Vietnam.

In the early years before Christ, under the oppression of the Han people, the majority people of present-day China, part of the Thai people migrated south.

Then, their origin Mai Chau gets clearer following the discovery of a book of the records in the village of Mai Ha of the valley of Mai Chau. It is the genealogical book of the Ha Cong family that dates the arrival in Mai Chau at the end of the 13th century.

Thus, the ancestors of the Thai people in Mai Chau followed the Red River and the Black River to settle in present-day Mai Chau and in other regions around 700 years ago.





Departure from your hotel around 8 a.m. with our English-speaking tour guide.

Enjoy a 1 hour and half **cruise on a small sampan,** in the middle of the limestones. Let yourself be carried away by the magic of the place, admire the green rice fields and the mountains carved out of caves.

Admire **Bich Dong Pagoda** by the water, a Buddhist sanctuary in the middle of nowhere, built against the rock, in a splendid green setting.

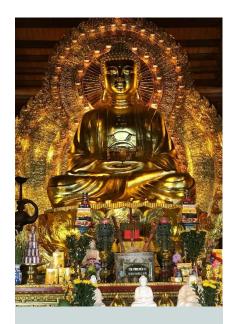
**After lunch**, discover another architectural wonder by electric car, **Bai Dinh Pagoda**. It is the largest Buddhist complex in Southeast Asia, imbued with spirituality. You enter through the impressive Tam Quan gate before admiring the entire site, with its huge golden Buddha statues, caves and temples, surrounded by lush vegetation.

At the end of the day, admire the panoramic view of the region from **Mua Cave.** 









### **BAI DINH PAGODA**

Bai Dinh Pagoda is a 700 hectare complex with Buddhist temples. This complex is composed of an old temple and a new temple whose construction began in 2003. Very popular in Vietnam, it is the biggest Buddhist temple complex in the country.

This Pagoda includes several temples, a bell tower, a stupa, a monumental Buddha on top of a hill and three kilometers of corridors housing 500 statues of Arhat in different poses.

The old temple is built in a cave about 800 meters from the new temple.





## Day 6 | Tam Coc - Lan Ha Bay | B, L, D

Departure by car around 7 a.m, to go to the harbor of Ha Long.

Discover **Halong Bay** in a unique and surprising way

Before your cruise, embark on a 25-minute seaplane flight. Take off from the marina on the island of Tuan Chau, for a panoramic flight over Halong Bay.

Then, on the boat, meet the **English-speaking tour guide** and start your cruise with the **lunch** in the middle of the impressive rocky peaks of Lan Ha Bay.

In the afternoon, relax by **the swimming pool** or discover Cat Ba Island and **Trung Tang Cave**. Then resume the cruise to admire the karst formations **before lunch**.

At the end of the day, admire the amazing sunset igniting the bay and take part in a **cooking demonstration before dinner**. Then discover **squid fishing** after dinner.





## Day 7 Lan Ha Bay - Hue | B, L

If you are an early riser, marvel at the splendor of the sunrise over the immensity of the bay during a **Tai Chi session.** After **breakfast, explore the bay by kayaking.** 

Come back to the boat for check out and **lunch** then return to the harbor to go to Hanoi airport for the Vietnam Airlines business class flight to Hue and transfer to the hotel







#### **HALONG BAY**

Halong Bay, recognized by the UNESCO as a World Natural Heritage Site, is overlooked by more than 1969 limestones and islets that emerge from the waters, sometimes reaching 100 meters high, and housing many caves.

Its picturesque beauty, its archaeological and geological significance, its cultural and historical ties, its fresh seafood and proximity to international access make Halong Bay one of the most popular places in Vietnam.

The Bay is divided into several areas. To fully enjoy the peace and beauty of the place, we prefer the bays of Lan Ha and Tu Long.





Our English speaking tour guide meets you at your hotel in the city center around 9 a.m. to go to the harbor and embark on a traditional dragon boat.

Cruise on the Perfume River and let yourself be carried by the stream to the marvelous **Thien Mu Pagoda**.

Then, go to visit the Imperial City.

After lunch, go to the countryside of Hue to discover the history of the **Tomb of Tu Duc** and to walk the paths of its gardens in the middle of the bodies of water.

Then, make a photo break at the **incense village** and go back to the hotel.









### **LEGEND OF THE HEAVENLY LADY**

Her name comes from a centuriesold legend.

It is said that in ancient times, peasants saw an old woman appear on the hill. She was wearing a red dress

and a green trousers and declared that a lord would build here, a pagoda, place of Buddhism.

In 1601, Nguyen Hoang, the first Nguyen Lords came to this region. Moved by the beauty of the landscapes and impressed by the Ha Khe Hill, whose shape looks like a dragon emerging from the water, he decided to build a pagoda there, and gave it the name of Thien Mu (Heavenly Lady).





## Day 9 | Hue - Hoi An | B, L

Departure from your hotel around 8 a.m. With our English-speaking tour guide.

Start the day by visiting **Khai Dinh Tomb**, to admire its mosaics and ceramics.

Then, take the road to Hoi An and enjoy a lunch break at Lang Co Beach.

Then from the **Hai Van Pass**, contemplate the region's sumptuous landscapes, with its lush forests and panoramic sea views.

Finally, discover the amazing architecture of the old town of Hoi An.









### THE BEAUTIFUL HOI AN

South of Hue, on the banks of the Thu Bon River, stands the town of Hoi An.

This town was, during the 15<sup>th</sup> century, a very important harbor which a Japanese, Chinese and European population.

Thus, all its architecture was strongly influenced which still makes it the town we know today.

The town with a thousand lanterns is full of architectural jewels, including its houses with their colorful facades with their large openings on the street, its Japanese bridge, which at the time separated the Chinese from the Japanese quarter...





Departure around 8.30 a.m. with our English-speaking tour guide for a bike ride in the countryside of Hoi An.

Cross the Thu Bon River to reach the **village of Kim Bong** where you will **meet the wood carvers.** Also discover the work of **mother of pearl, the manufacture of mats and the weaving of the famous basket boats.** 

Finally go to Cam Thanh for a basket boat ride through the mangroves before lunch. First discover the preparation of banh xeo and then enjoy a foot massage.

Go back to the hotel after lunch.









Day 11 | Hoi An | B

Leisure day in Hoi An..



## THE BASKET BOATS

When the French settled in Vietnam around 1884-1885, fishing was an important resource for many inhabitants of the country.

The French, trying to fill their coffers, imposed a tax on all fishing vessels.

Wisely, the inhabitants of Hoi An, who were far from being rich then designed the spherical basket boat and asserted it was not a boat, but indeed a basket.

Thus, the French had to admit that the Vietnamese had shown genius and reluctantly accepted the basket boats.

Thus, local fishermen succeeded and stopped paying tax.





## Day 12 | Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh | B, L

In the afternoon transfer to Danang Airport for the Vietnam Airlines business class flight to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to hotel.

Our **English-speaking tour guide** meet you at the airport and transfer downtown to go on foot to discover downtown Ho Chi Minh City.

Admire the unique architecture of the **Reunification Palace**, between modern design and oriental philosophy, and discover how it has evolved over the course of Vietnamese history.

Then, after lunch, visit Saigon Notre-Dame Cathedral and the old post office.

Walk the streets of District 1 to admire the exterior architecture of the opera house and of the city hall before finally discovering the famous Tran Hung Dao Statue then go to the hotel.









### THE REUNIFICATION PALACE

Built in 1868 by French settlers, this building called Nodorom Palace was the official residence and office of the Governor of Cochinchine.

In 1954, at the end of French Indochina, it became the property of Vietnam and Ngo Dinh Diem, the President of the Republic of South Vietnam then used it as a presidential palace and renamed it the "Palace of Independence»"

In 1962, the Prime Minister ordered it to be demolished and then rebuild because of the damage caused by the bombing.

After the inauguration in 1966, the Reunification Palace became the residence and office of the President of the Republic of South Vietnam. Since the 30th of April, 1975, the date marking the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War, the palace has been converted into a historic site.





Leave around 7.30am. from Ho Chi Minh with our English-speaking tour guide to go to the province of Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta.

This town on the banks of the Mekong River is full of diverse local activities that you will discover during a **boat ride and by tuk tuk.** Discover **how brooms are made from coconut leaves,** taste exotic fruits, etc.

After a lunch with the locals, sail through the arroyos in small sampan to discover the small canals of the Mekong before heading back to **Ho Chi Minh.** 









Transfer to **Ho Chi Minh** airport for you return flight.



### THE COCONUTS OF BEN TRE

With many lands dedicated to coconut cultivation, Ben Tre Province is considered as the "capital" of coconut in Vietnam.

Located in the Mekong Delta, the region has the most favorable conditions for coconut growth in the country and produces high-quality coconuts that are very rich in oil.

Coconuts and coconut trees are used for food purposes but also for many household utensils such as coconut bowls as well as works of art and also as a building material.

Today, Ben Tre produces more than 40 types of coconut-based products, such as coconut fiber, coconut candy, coconut jelly, etc.



# Your hotel in Hanoi | 2 nights + early check in Peridot Grand Luxury Boutique

The Peridot Grand Hotel & Spa is located closed to some points of interest, such as Dong Xuan Market, Thang Long Water Puppet Theater and St. Joseph Cathedral.

It has 2 on-site restaurants, 3 bars, outdoor swimming pool, a fitness center and spa.





All rooms are fitted with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with cable channels, a kettle, a bidet, a hairdryer and a desk. With a private bathroom fitted with a shower and free toiletries. The rooms at the hotel also feature free WiFi. At Peridot Grand Hotel & Spa the rooms are fitted with a seating area.

## **Grand Deluxe Room**









## PERIDOT GRAND LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL

33 Đường Thành, Hoan Kiem Hanoi

### THE "PERIDOT" PLUS



Continental and buffet breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



Restaurant



Fitness center





## Your hotel in Mai Chau | 1 night Avana Retreat

Located in Mai Châu, Avana Retreat features a garden, terrace, restaurant and bar. Many facilities and services are provided on site, including room service, 24-hour front desk and free WiFi available in all areas. This hotel offers an outdoor swimming pool, a gym, evening entertainment and a kids' club.





All accommodation has a balcony. The private bathroom comes with a shower, free toiletries and a hairdryer. You will enjoy a coffee machine and an iPad.

### **Double or Twin Room**







**AVANA RETREAT** Mai Chau Villas 14 Mai Châu

THE "AVANA RETREAT" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



Restaurant



# Your hotel in Tam Coc 2 nights Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat

Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat is located in Ninh Binh, 26 km from this point of interest: Bai Dinh Pagoda. It offers free bicycle rental, an outdoor swimming pool, a gym and free private parking. It features a garden, a shared lounge and a bar. The property includes a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, a shared kitchen and free Wi-Fi.





All accommodation features air conditioning, a desk, a terrace with mountain views, private bathroom, TV, bed linen and towels. The room also have a safe. Some rooms also have a balcony and others offer views of the pool. You will enjoy a wardrobe and a kettle.

## **Double or Twin Deluxe Room**







JIVA HOA LU RETREAT
Thai Vi Temple, Ninh Hai Commune,
Hoa Lu District
Ninh Binh

## THE "JIVA" PLUS



Continental, vegan and buffet breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



Restaurant





# Your Boat in the Bay | 1 night Nostalgia Halong Cruise

Floating on the emerald waters of Lan Ha Bay, the 10-cabin Nostalgia boat takes passengers back to the previous centuries, where they have the chance to dive into the beautiful historic architecture of Vietnam. The cruise ship is one of a kind because it is perfectly designed to reconstruct the history of the Nguyen dynasty and its royal architecture.







## THE "NOSTALGIA" PLUS

**NOSTALGIA HALONG CRUISE** 



**Buffet breakfast** 



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Bar & Restaurant

## **Princess Suite Cabin**

All cabins have a seating area, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels and a private bathroom with bathrobes, a Jacuzzi, a bath and a shower. A fridge and kettle are also provided.









# Your hotel in Hue 2 nights aNhill Boutique

Located in Hue, 5.4 km from Tu Duc Tomb, aNhill Boutique features free bikes, free private parking, an outdoor pool and a garden. This 5-star hotel offers free Wi-Fi, room service and 24-hour reception. It offers a terrace and views of the lake.





The rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a desk, a flat-screen TV, a private bathroom, bed linen, towels and a balcony with mountain views. Each room is equipped with a safe and some have views of the pool. They also include a seating area.

## **Superior Suite**







**ANHILL BOUTIQUE** Khải Định Hue

THE "ANHILL" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



**Bar & Restaurant** 



Fitness center





# Your hotel in Hoi An | 3 nights La Siesta Hoi An Resort & Spa

Featuring a 400 m² salt water pool, a 200 m² infinity pool and a children's pool and a 100 m² freshwater pool, La Siesta Hoi An Resort & Spa is spread over 2 wings in Hội An. The traditional, classic and fashionable wing offers 70 rooms, while the club wing hosts 67 classic suites with features of the old town. Guests can enjoy a massage at the spa or relax in the garden. Free Wi-Fi is available in all areas and free bikes are available.





All rooms are air-conditioned and have a private balcony or window with views of the pool, the lush green garden or the rice field. They are also equipped with a flat-screen cable TV and a laptop. The private bathrooms come with a shower or bathtub. For your comfort, bathrobes, slippers and free toiletries are provided.

## **Veranda Suite Pool**







LA SIESTA HOI AN RESORT & SPA 132-134 Hung Vuong, Thanh Ha Ward, Thanh Ha Hội An

## THE "LA SIESTA" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



Bar





## Your hotel in Ho Chi Minh | 2 nights The Myst Dong Khoi

Featuring classic contemporary interiors and designs, The Myst Dong Khoi offers a sophisticated accommodations in the heart of District 1 in Ho Chi Minh City. Guests can enjoy a relaxing dip in the rooftop pool, or simply enjoy views of city by the Saigon River from the pool deck.





Offering plenty of natural light through airy windows, the air-conditioned rooms are fitted with a flat-screen TV for your enjoyment. The well-appointed rooms feature soft, neutral palettes with classic furnishing. Some rooms also come with a seating area. Your room will come with a kettle, slippers and a hairdryer for your convenience. Private bathrooms are equipped with a bathtub, and provide bathrobes, as well as free toiletries.

The private bathroom fitted with a shower and free toiletries.

## **Saigon Room**







**THE MYST DONG KHOI** 6-8 Ho Huan Nghiep, District 1, Hô-Chi-Minh-City

#### THE "MYST" PLUS



Continental and buffet breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



**Swimming pool** 



Wifi



Bar



Fitness center









A customer is a friend during a trip. I welcome you as my best friend

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According to our terms and conditions.

#### **INCLUDED**

- Transfers, Excursions with Entrance fees of the mentioned
- Cruise in Lan Ha Bay
- Meal mentioned, B, L, D
- English-speaking tour guide when mentioned
- Accommodation mentioned or equivalent
- Flights Hanoi Hue & Danang Ho Chi Minh
- Travel book
- eSim (if compatible)
- Tax and administrative fees

## **EXCLUDED**

- International flights
- Meals & Drinks not mentioned
- Tips & Personal expenses
- **Travel insurance**
- All services not mentioned in included
- Visa

