



**SENTEURS  
DU VIETNAM**

CIRCUIT HANOI – HO CHI MINH

# **DISCOVERY TRIP**

**21 days**





## 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.

### GAULTHER

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 DISCOVERY TRIP

2 or 4 adults

21 days

TRIP REF. **CDV011**



## SCHEDULE

Days 1 to 3	Hanoi
Days 4 to 6	Tam Coc
Days 7 and 8	Halong Bay
Day 9	Night train
Days 10 and 11	Hue
Days 12 to 14	Hoi An
Days 15 and 16	Dalat
Days 17 to 19	Mui Né
Days 20 and 21	Ho Chi Minh





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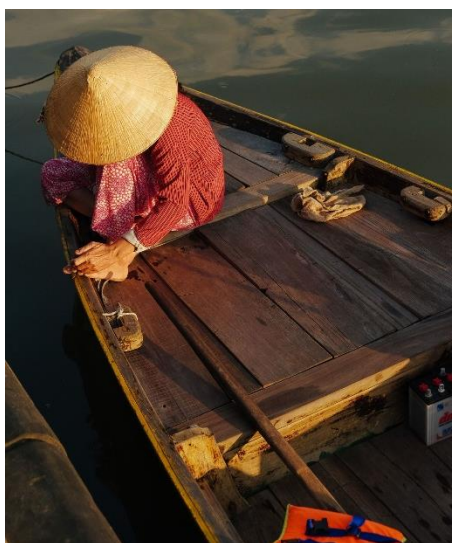
For your stay in Vietnam, we suggest you to start your visit with **Hanoi**, the capital city, lively and captivating, renowned for its gastronomy and rich cultural heritage. Between temples and pagodas, historical monuments and typical neighborhoods with traditional houses, you will be amazed by its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

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.

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.

Discover the incredible landscapes of **Dalat**, before relaxing on the beaches of **Mui Né**.

Finish your stay in the vibrant city of **Ho Chi Minh**.



### LEGEND



Culture Activity



Nature Activity



Adventure Activity



Leisure Activity

**B** Breakfast

**L** Lunch

**D** Dinner





## Day 1 | Hanoi

Our **driver** meets you at the airport then transfer to the hotel. You will then receive our **Travel Book** with useful information and restaurant recommendations for your trip and your **eSim**.



## Day 2 | Hanoi | B, L

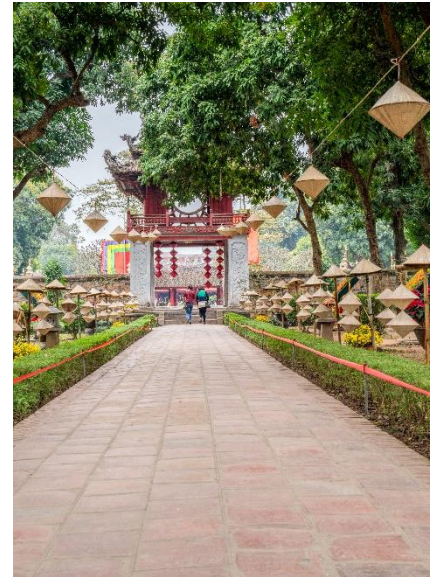
Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you at your hotel in the city center **around 8 a.m.**

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.



### 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 | <sub>B</sub>

Departure at **9 a.m.** or **2 p.m.** to discover the history of coffee, the national drink of Vietnam. Learn more about **its cultivation and preparation**, from tips for recognizing the right coffee beans, to preparing **4 types of coffee** according to the advice of our expert, including the famous egg coffee and coconut coffee (coconut coffee).



## Day 4 | Hanoi – Tam Coc | <sub>B, L</sub>

Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you at your hotel **around 8 a.m.**. After an hour and a half drive between the city and the countryside, join the Yen River covered with water lilies leading to **Chùa Hương, the Perfume Pagoda**.

A one-hour **sampan cruise** will take you to the foot of this complex of pagodas nestled in the mountains.

**Climb the 2 kilometers of steps** to reach the top of this place and discover the cave that hides there.

Then head back down by **cable car** for a well-deserved **lunch** before going to Ninh Binh.



### PERFUME PAGODA FESTIVAL

The Perfume Pagoda celebration is one of the longest festivals in Vietnam. This is a spring pilgrimage amidst beautiful landscapes

This festival lasts 3 months, from January to March of the lunar calendar.

Traditionally, it is necessary to visit this complex at least 3 times during 3 successive years to have luck and success. But it is not always easy to do it, since to visit all the monuments, you need 3 full days.

The Perfumes Pagoda is the place of authentic pilgrimage where Vietnamese from all over the country flock. It is possible to admire there some dragon dances, religious ceremonies and prayer sessions.







## Day 5 | Tam Coc | B, L,

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, **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.

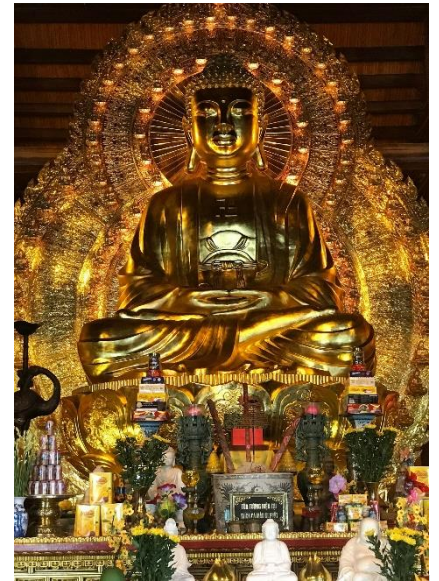


## Day 6 | Tam Coc | B, L

Departure from your hotel around 9 a.m. with our **English-speaking tour guide** to go to **Cuc Phuong National Park** in the heart of a primary tropical forest hosting an astonishing biodiversity.

Visit the **Nguoi Xua cave** and then discover the **turtle rescue center**. Then, go **for a hike of about 7 km** in the park to the millenary tree to discover the local flora.

Go back to the hotel after **lunch.**



### 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 7 | Tam Coc– Lan Ha Bay | B, L, D

Departure by bus **around 7 a.m.** to go to the harbor of Ha Long.

On the boat, start your cruise with the **lunch** in the middle of the impressive rocky peaks of Lan Ha Bay.

In the afternoon, **kayak ride** to Bai Tra Dao then relax and swim.

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 8 Lan Ha Bay | B, L, D

After **breakfast**, embark on a smaller boat for the day to go deeper into the more remote corners of the bay. Visit the **Dark & Bright Cave by kayak** to immerse yourself in the scenery of the bay

**After lunch**, navigate deeper into the bay to **enjoy its exceptional landscapes**.

At the end of the day, return to the boat to enjoy the sunset before **dinner**.



### 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.





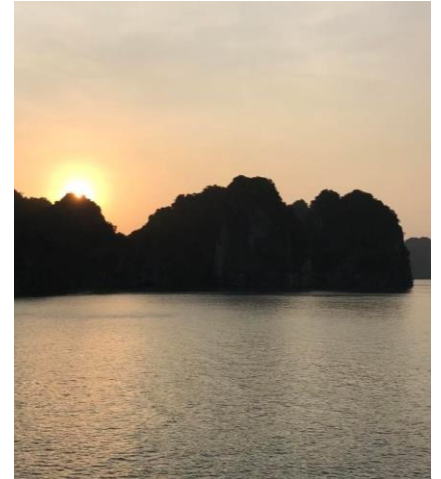


## Day 9| Lan Ha Bay - Hue | B, L

In the morning, visit the village of Viet Ha during a **bike ride** in the middle of straw, clay, bamboo houses and discover the life of the locals.

Come back to the boat check out and **lunch** then return to the harbor to take the road to Hanoi where you arrive **around 4 p.m.**

In the evening, night train to Hue.



### LEGEND OF HALONG BAY

It is said that the bay was shaped by a dragon. This animal worshiped in Asia is considered as kind by the population.

A female dragon would have been sent by the Jade Emperor (the God of the Gods) with his cubs to defend the area from invaders. The whole family would have blown Jade jewels and beads that would have turned into islands and islets blocking the invasion.

The Dragon mother would have defended Halong Bay including its little ones, the smaller and lesser known Tu Long and Lan Ha bays.

Others say that the Bay was shaped by a dragon living in the mountain near the sea. Its tail movements would have dug ruts and canyons between the sea and the mountains, then invaded by water when he finally dived.

The mystery remains...







## Day 10 | Hue |<sub>L, D</sub>

Our driver meets you at the train station then transfer to the hotel. Around **10 a.m.**, departure with our **English-speaking tour guide** to discover **Dong Ba Market**.

Late morning, a small boat awaits you **on the lagoon for a boat ride**. You will discover the local fishing, before enjoying a **lunch based on seafood**.

Discover the charming village of **Thanh Thuy**, its rural museum and its picturesque wooden bridge covered with tiles.

Finally come back downtown to have a coffee and share a moment with people with disabilities during a **waffle workshop**.

In the evening we will meet to enjoy a **dinner** together, which will be an opportunity to share about Vietnam.



### HISTORY OF THANH TOAN BRIDGE

Tran Thi Dao, the childless wife of a high-ranking Mandarin from the court of Le Hien Tong, built this bridge to facilitate transportation and communication through the village which was then separated by the canal.

The Emperor, learning about her charitable act, freed the village from taxes to remind them her good example.

In 1925, Emperor Khai Dinh ordered the villagers to place an altar on the bridge to honor her memory, because she had no children and in the culture of ancestor worship, it meant that there was no one to pray for her after her death.

Since then, the villagers have taken over and still offer prayers at the sanctuary.



## Day 11 | Hue |<sub>B, L, D</sub>

Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you at your hotel in the city center **around 9 a.m** to go to visit the **Imperial City**.

Then **discover Thien Mu pagoda**. Then embark on a **traditional dragon boat** and navigate the **Perfume River** to return to the city center. 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.





## Day 11 - in the evening | Hue |<sub>B</sub>

Marvin, Arnauld or Gaulthier meets you at your hotel **around 6 p.m.**

Go with him to the city center to discover the street gastronomy of Hue with its many local specialties and enjoy a cyclo ride.

This will be an opportunity for you to discover more about the life of *French immigrants* in Vietnam and enjoy a moment of sharing and food tasting.

Discover the famous Nem Lui or the Banh Khoai or savor the Hue cakes made from rice or cassava flour. Try the famous Taste the famous Bun Bo. Let yourself be tempted by a Che, this sweet dessert typical of Vietnam....



### BUN BO HUE

The bun bo Hue is a spicy soup with many ingredients and spices, the most important of which is lemongrass and mam ruoc, fermented shrimp paste, which is typical of central Vietnam cuisine. Beware of quantities because its taste is very strong!

To this soup, pieces of meat (beef and pork) are added, as well as Vietnamese mortadella and cubes of cooked pork blood. Herbs and vegetables include mung bean shoots, banana blossoms, cilantro and sliced raw onions.

Finally, the bun noodles that accompany this dish are long and thicker than traditional vermicelli. They are placed at the bottom of the bowl before pouring the broth and remaining ingredients. On the table there is lime, sliced peppers and chili paste so that everyone can season it to their liking.



## Day 12 | Hue - Hoi An |<sub>B</sub>

Departure from your hotel **around 9 a.m.** with our **driver**.

Take the road to Hoi An and enjoy a photo break at the **Lang Co Lagoon**.

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

Then make a stop at the **Marble Mountain** and venture out on this solitary limestone, at the southern edge of Danang which houses a complex of caves and pagodas before arriving in Hoi An.







## Day 13 | Hoi An |<sub>B, L</sub>

Departure from the hotel **around 10.30 a.m.** with our **driver** to spend a few hours outside of Hoi An to discover this distillery.

Visit the distillery during 45 minutes and discover all **the equipments, the laboratory and the aging cellar**, then enjoy **a lunch** while enjoying three white rums and two aged rums.

Leisure afternoon.



In the evening, walk to the Hoi An Moon Center in the city center of Hoi An **for 5:30 p.m.** to attend this acrobatic and dancing show of 1 hour.

Let yourself be carried away by the **intense rhythm of music and dances** that are impressive by their strength and power while the faces of the artists radiate with joie de vivre.



## Day 14 | Hoi An |<sub>B</sub>

Leisure day in Hoi An..



### DISTILLERIE D'INDOCHINE

A team combining more than 35 years of experience in the field of wines and spirits but above all friends who were able to bring together in a single project their love for rum and their attachment to Vietnam.

The Master Distiller, Antoine Poircuitte, wanted to refresh a family tradition, guided by his passion and experience in order to develop the best Vietnamese rum based on pure sugar cane juice.

The only place in Vietnam, where you can discover a French still and a traditional aging method surrounded by an immaculate beach! It is the ideal place for all handmade rum lovers who want to enjoy a heavenly setting.





## Day 15 | Hoi An - Dalat | <sub>B,L</sub>

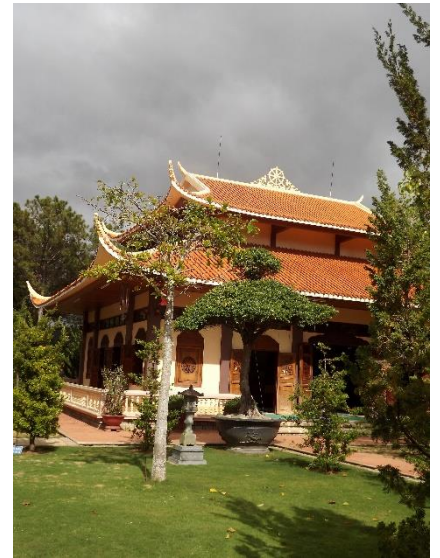
Morning transfer to Danang airport for the Vietnam Airlines flight to Dalat.

Our **English-speaking guide** will meet you at the airport to discover the **Truc Lam pagoda** on the shore of **Tuyen Lam lake**.

Then find your child's soul in this magical world of Dalat and marvel at the gigantic statues of the **Clay Tunnels**.

In the afternoon, **after lunch**, stroll through the **flower park** to admire more than 300 different species.

End the day by venturing into the labyrinths of the **Maze café in the middle of this extravagant universe** while enjoying **a cool drink**.



### TRUC LAM PAGODA

Built in special social conditions, to restore the Truc Lam Yen Tu Zen School founded by King Tran Thanh Tong.

This Zen school has harmoniously combined different Zen schools with Vietnamese Zen culture and tradition.

The Truc Lam Zen Monastery is located on a protected forest of 23.2 hectares.

The pagoda was built in 1993-1994 by the Buddhist head monk Thich Thanh Tu and was designed in the style of Oriental architecture.

With its incredible landscapes, the pagoda is not only a place of meditation, but also an ideal place to visit.







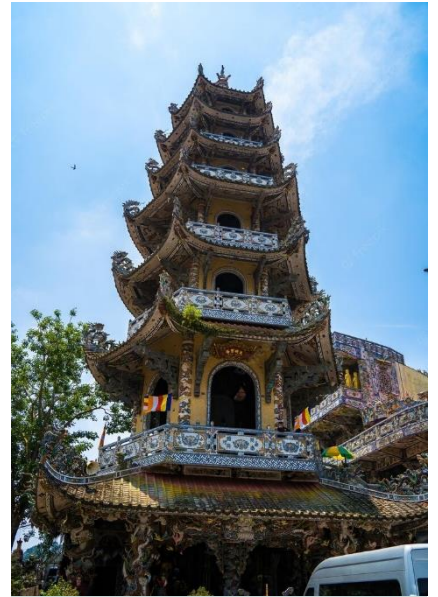
## Day 16 | Dalat |<sub>B, L</sub>

Our **English-speaking guide** will meet you **around 8 a.m.** at your hotel in the city center to go for a walk in the **flower market**

Then, discover the **old train station of Dalat** and enjoy a **ride until Trai Mat**.

Discover the beautiful mosaics of **Linh Phuoc Pagoda**, also known as the Broken Glass Pagoda, then venture into the middle of **tea plantations**.

After **lunch**, admire the architecture of the **Bao Dai Summer Palace** and end the day by discovering the incredible design of the **Crazy House**.



### LINH PHUOC PAGODA

Linh Phuoc Pagoda is a beautiful Buddhist sanctuary in Dalat, each of which is covered with beautiful mosaics.

Completed in 1952, the pagoda is often called the broken glass pagoda because a magnificent dragon of 49 meters long has been meticulously reconstructed from 12,000 glass bottles.

The main hall consists of two rows of paved mosaics and there are also many intricate mosaic bas-reliefs featuring the stories of the Lotus Sutras and of the Shakyamuni.

The walls, ceilings and mythical creatures structures are all inlaid with thousands and thousands of small pieces of broken terracotta, porcelain and glass. In front of the Linh Phuoc Pagoda stands a 37 meter high bell tower considered as the highest in Dalat.



## Day 17 | Dalat - Mui Né |<sub>B</sub>

**Around 9 a.m.**, transfer to Mui Né by car.



## Days 18 and 19 | Mui Né |<sub>B</sub>

Leisure days in Mui Né.



## Day 20 | Mui Né – Ho Chi Minh |<sub>B</sub>

**Around 11 a.m.**, transfer to Ho Chi Minh by car.



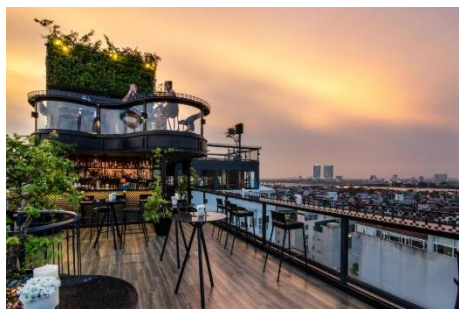
## Day 21 | Ho Chi Minh – Return flight |<sub>B</sub>

Transfer to **Ho Chi Minh** airport during the day for your return flight.



# **Your hotel in Hanoi | 3 nights** **La Nueva Boutique Hotel**

Located in the old quarter of Hanoi, La Nueva Boutique Hotel Hanoi & Spa offers soundproofed accommodation just a few minutes' walk from Hoan Kiem Lake. Guests can enjoy meals in the on-site restaurant and free WiFi is available throughout the property.



Featuring wooden furniture, all rooms are comfortable and well-appointed, with air conditioning, a seating area, minibar and flat-screen cable TV. Some rooms have an iron or tea/coffee making facilities and/or a view. The private bathrooms come with a shower and hairdryer. Free slippers and toiletries are provided.

## Double or Twin Room



**LA NUEVA BOUTIQUE HOTEL**  
 32 Lo Su Street, Hoan Kiem  
 Hanoi

### THE "LA NUEVA" PLUS

-  Continental breakfast
-  Non-smoking room
-  Air-conditioned room
-  Wifi
-  Bar
-  Spa & Wellness center







## Your hotel in Tam Coc | 3 nights Bai Dinh Riverside Resort & Spa

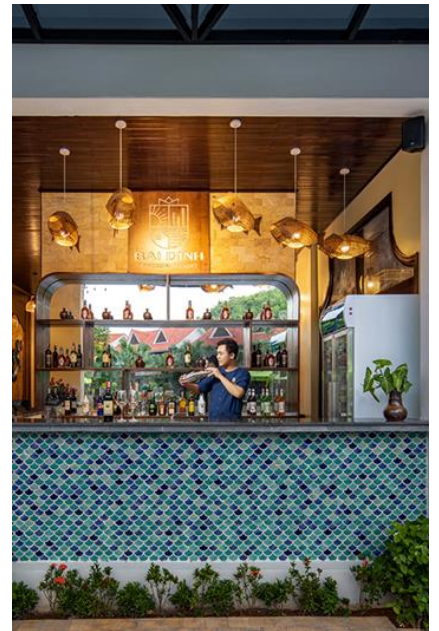
Set in Ninh Binh, 3.6 km from Bai Dinh Temple, Bai Dinh Riverside Resort & Spa offers accommodation with a fitness centre, free private parking, a garden and a shared lounge.

Offering a restaurant, the property also has a bar and water sports facilities.



The air-conditioned rooms offers a wardrobe, a kettle, a fridge, a minibar, a safety deposit box, a flat-screen TV, a terrace and a private bathroom with a bidet. Some have a view on the lake. At the accommodation every room includes bed linen and towels.

### Double or Twin Deluxe Room



### BAI DINH RIVERSIDE RESORT

Hai Nham Hamlet, Ninh Hai  
Commune  
Ninh Binh

### THE "BAI DINH RIVERSIDE" PLUS



Continental and buffet  
breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Restaurant & Bar



Fitness center



Spa and wellness center



# **Your Boat in the Bay | 2 night** **Vénizia Cruise**

The Vénizia, a 10-cabin boat, has a shared lounge, a terrace, a restaurant and a bar



## Deluxe Cabin

Relax in an oriental style and modern design. The Vénizia is a charming boat, combining modern beauty and comfort.

All cabins include a wardrobe. With a private bathroom fitted with a shower and free toiletries. At the accommodation every room includes bed linen and towels.



## VÉNIZIA CRUISE

### THE "VENEZIA" PLUS



Buffet breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Bar & Restaurant







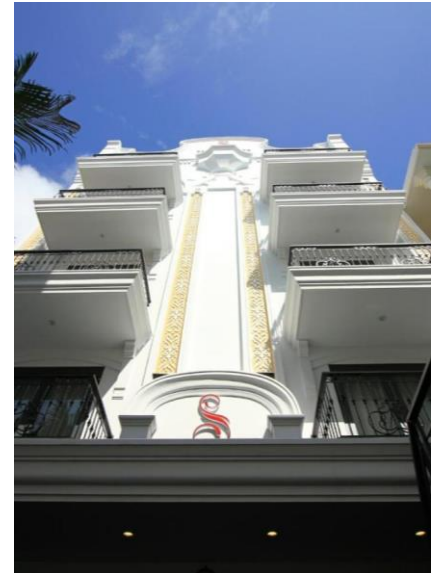
## Your hotel in Hue | 2 nights Scarlett Boutique Hotel

The 3-star Scarlett Boutique Hotel is located less than 1 km from Trang Tien Bridge and a 17-minute walk from Dong Ba Market. The establishment offers a restaurant, room service, 24-hour reception and free Wi-Fi.



All of the hotel's rooms have air conditioning, a seating area, flat-screen satellite TV and a safe. The private bathroom comes with a shower, free toiletries and a hairdryer. All rooms have a desk and a kettle.

### Passion Room



### SCARLETT BOUTIQUE HOTEL

17/1 Ben Nghe Street  
Hue

### THE "SCARLETT" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Wifi





## Your hotel in Hoi An | 3 nights

### Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa

Located on the banks of the Hoai River, Little Hoi An Boutique Hotel & Spa is less than 4 km from Cua Dai Beach. Featuring free WiFi, it features an outdoor pool and a wellness centre with hairdresser and full range spa treatments.



The air-conditioned rooms are fitted with parquet floors, a flat-screen TV, a work desk, a minibar and tea/coffee making facilities. The en suite bathrooms are fitted with walk-in showers and free toiletries.

#### Double or Twin Room



**LITTLE HOI AN BOUTIQUE HOTEL**  
02 Thoai Ngoc Hau , Minh An  
Hội An

#### THE "LITTLE HOI AN" PLUS



Continental and buffet  
breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Restaurant



Fitness center



Spa and wellness center

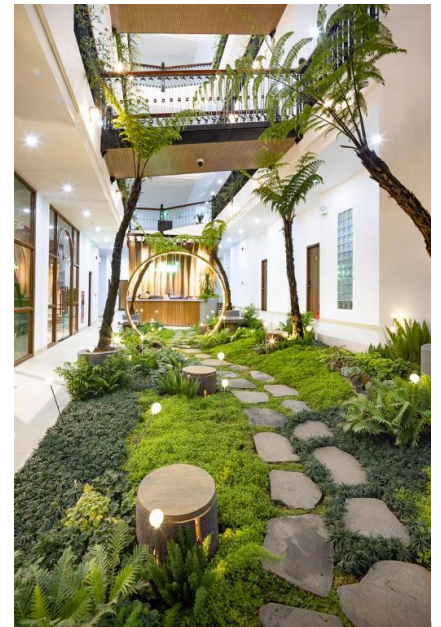






## Your hotel in Dalat | 2 nights Lasol Boutique Hotel

Located in Da Lat, 2.1 km from Lam Vien Square, Lasol Boutique Hotel features a garden and free private parking. Guests can enjoy the on-site restaurant and bar. This 3-star hotel has a 24-hour front desk. The hotel has family rooms.



The rooms include a desk and a wardrobe. The private bathroom comes with free toiletries. The rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV and a hairdryer.

### Double or Twin Deluxe Room



### LASOL BOUTIQUE HOTEL

15 Đường Huỳnh Thúc Kháng  
Đà Lạt

### THE "LASOL" PLUS



Continental breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Wifi





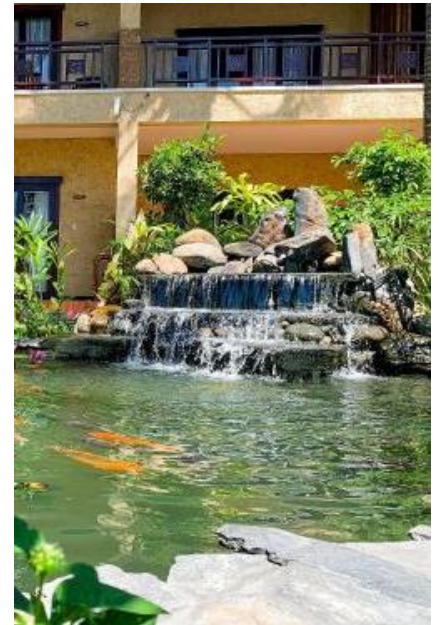
## Your hotel in Mui Né | 3 night Bamboo Village Beach Resort

The Bamboo Village Beach Resort & Spa offers a tropical getaway on Phan Thiet beach in Mui Né. It features 2 swimming pools, an on-site restaurant and a spa.



Surrounded by gardens and greenery, the rooms at Bamboo Resort feature wooden and bamboo furniture. Each room is equipped with a flat-screen TV, minibar and telephone.

### Double or Twin Room



### BAMBOO VILLAGE BEACH RESORT

38 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Ham Tien  
Mui Né

### THE "BAMBOO VILLAGE" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Bar



Spa & wellness centre







## Your hotel in Ho Chi Minh | 1 night

### Chez Mimosa

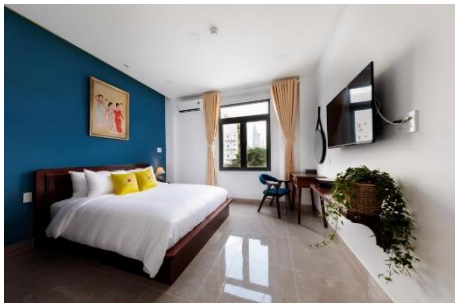
Located in Ho Chi Minh City, 700 meters from Museum of Fine Arts, Chez Mimosa Petite offers free bikes, free private parking, a shared lounge and a restaurant.

The hotel is close to Ho Chi Minh City Museum, City Hall and Union Square Saigon.



Chez Mimosa Petite is close to attractions such as Takashimaya Vietnam, Ben Thanh Street Food Market and Tao Dan Park.

#### Double or Twin Room



**CHEZ MIMOSA**  
Ho Chi Minh City

#### THE "MIMOSA" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Wifi



Restaurant





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## DISCOVERY TRIP 21 days

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



According to our [terms and conditions](#).

### INCLUDED

- Transfers, Excursions with Entrance fees of the mentioned sites
- Cruise in Lan Ha Bay
- Meal mentioned, B, L, D
- English-speaking tour guide when mentioned
- Hotel - Double room
- Night train Hanoi - Hue
- Flight Danang - Dalat
- 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

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