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with Optional 3-Night Phú Quốc Post Tour Extension
with Optional 3-Night Bangkok Post Tour Extension

April 19 – May 3, 2018



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Immerse Yourself

- Delight in a traditional Water Puppet performance.
- Visit a local residence to learn about their traditional way of life.
- Try your hand at lantern making at a famous lantern workshop.

Must-See Inclusions

- Get acquainted with Ho Chi Minh City on your sightseeing tour.
- Cruise along the famous Mekong Delta, a place rich with wonders.
- Overnight on a luxury junk boat cruise in Halong Bay.

Culinary Inclusions

- Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration.
- Visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made.
- Savor a lunchtime seafood feast aboard your junk boat.

Highlights: Reunification Palace, Mekong Delta, Hanoi, Water Puppet Theater, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An

Day 1: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Overnight Flight Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam, a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

Day 2: Friday, April 20, 2018 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in historic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. For centuries, the city has been the commercial hub of the region, creating a cultural melting pot.

Day 3: Saturday, April 21, 2018 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, head to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch at a local

restaurant. Then you'll get acquainted with the city's colonial landmarks on a tour that features the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the Binh Tay Market. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. *(B, L, D)*

Day 4: Sunday, April 22, 2018 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City

Today we **explore the famous Mekong Delta**, rich with natural and historic wonders, during a cruise along this bustling river. Be introduced to daily life during a visit to a home where coconut candy and rice paste are made. Enjoy a lunch of regional cuisine in a lush tropical garden. Visit a local residence to learn



about their traditional way of life. Later, enjoy a visit to Cao Dai Temple and explore the region's rich architectural style. *(B, L)*

Day 5: Monday, April 23, 2018 Saigon

- Hanoi Today, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. From the ancient past, through colonial rule to the modern day, this vibrant city boasts many layers of history. Hanoi's French influences and traditional motifs paint a rich cultural portrait that entralls visitors. *(B, D)*

Day 6: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Hanoi

Begin your day in Ba Dinh Square, home of the mausoleum built to honor Ho Chi Minh, a revered figure in Vietnam. Behind this impressive site and standing in stark contrast is Minh's simple house that sits on stilts. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Take in the well-preserved traditional architecture at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, founded in the early 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a nonprofit restaurant. Learn how this caring organization changes the lives of underprivileged children by

training them with new skills. Then, set out on a cyclo tour of Hanoi that takes you through its old quarter. Catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and see the traditional Vietnamese architecture including the "long house." **End the day with a traditional water puppet performance.** *(B, L)*

Day 7: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Hanoi - Ky Son - Hanoi Venture to the countryside to Ky Son Village. Come to know life here as you embark on either a stroll or bike ride through the village. **Learn about local culinary traditions during a cooking demonstration** with a local chef before a lunch highlighting regional cuisine. Next, we head to Duong Lam village. Along the way, meet villagers and see their unique historic homes and communal places of worship. Enjoy a visit to the Mia Pagoda. Stop at the humble Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung temples, built by the locals in the 8th and 10th centuries to honor their kings. Return to Hanoi for an evening at leisure. *(B, L)*

Day 8: Thursday, April 26, 2018

Hanoi - Halong Bay Journey to



Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a luxury junk boat. Travel through the rice paddy fields and stop in some of the villages. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot these waters. Enjoy a lunchtime seafood feast aboard followed by a swim in the crystal clear waters of the bay. Overnight among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Friday, April 27, 2018 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue Wake as the fog gently lifts, revealing the morning light. Enjoy cruising through the emerald waters of Halong Bay back to the harbor. Then we return to Hanoi to board a flight to Hue, the Imperial capital city. (B)

Day 10: Saturday, April 28, 2018 Hue Travel to the shores of the Perfume River and embark on a cruise that reveals Hue's Imperial past. First we make a stop at Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest and most remarkable religious buildings in the country. Then it's on to see the incredible mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc, the most elaborate royal tomb in the country. Continue on to explore the

sprawling Imperial Citadel that originally encompassed 148 buildings before arriving at the Dong Ba Market to witness or partake in the timeless art of bartering. Later, savor the local flavors during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Sunday, April 29, 2018 Hue - Hoi An Travel along the coast and through the countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An. En route, pause to see the quaint Lang Co fishing village. Enjoy a visit to the Cham Museum in Da Hang which houses the finest collection of Cham artwork. Arrive in Hoi An, an ancient merchant trading port and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Monday, April 30, 2018 Hoi An Learn about the local cuisine at today's cooking class. Begin with a visit to a local market to interact with vendors and learn about traditional ingredients. Learn how each of the vegetables and herbs are used to create everyday Vietnamese cuisine and enjoy lunch after your class. Then, visit one of Hoi An's famous

lantern workshops and **try your hand at lantern making**. These colorful handmade creations are a part of the culture of the city and symbolize luck, happiness and wealth to the residents. Set out on a walking tour of this well-preserved town. Feel like you have stepped into the past as you stroll by the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the ancient merchant house, a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge, and the vibrant riverside market. Later, enjoy a peaceful boat trip along the Thu Bon River before time at leisure to explore the old town. *(B, L)*

Day 13: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 Hoi An Catch a glimpse into the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable ruins of My Son Sanctuary (UNESCO), situated in a remote jungle valley. This once thriving epicenter of religion and politics dates back to the 4th century and has more than 20 well-preserved monuments to discover. Next, explore the local way of life at Tra Que Herb Village, a small farming community. En route, stop to see 17th-century Japanese tombs, the only ones of their kind outside of Japan. Arrive in town and observe the farmers tending to their crops and sample some local

delicacies. Relax as you soak your feet in an herbal bath before returning to Hoi An. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant. *(B, D)*

Day 14: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight, toast to the end of a remarkable adventure while savoring your farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

Day 15: Thursday, May 3, 2018 Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends Return home with a wealth of incredible memories. *(B)*

Itinerary at a glance

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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Days 2 – 4 | New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh |
| Days 5 – 7 | Movenpick Hotel Hanoi, Hanoi |
| Day 8 | Bhaya Classic Halong Bay, Halong |
| Days 9, 10 | Imperial Hotel Hue, Hue |
| Days 11 – 13 | Almanity Hoi An Resort and Spa, Hoi An |
| Day 14 | New World Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

For important reservation information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/825731>.

You can also find this information on your tour documents.

Experience It! Halong Bay

The jewel of Vietnam's northern coast is Halong Bay. It will take your breath away. The emerald green waters are sprinkled with 1,600 untouched islands and limestone pillars. However, it is more than a picture perfect seascape. In 1994, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site for its 500 million years of evolution and its rare ecosystems. This conservation site is known for its rare flora, fascinating tropical reef and mangrove systems. It is also rich in culture and history. In the 12th century, Halong was a bustling port in Vietnam and saw foreign trade from throughout the world. Today, its residents live off the sea. Discover its unique floating villages and delicious fresh seafood caught daily by the local fishermen as you take in the beauty that surrounds you.

Please Note:

A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is 80 USD and **MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Not all vendors accept credit cards or travelers checks; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Explorations airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

It is recommended that you bring an overnight bag (rather than your large luggage) on the

overnight Halong Bay cruise. This will afford you more room to move about your cruise cabin. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

The internal flights on this program are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us. Internal

flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the deposit is only \$250 per person plus the cost of the Insurance.

Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 6, 2017 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 20, 2018. Deposits are refundable up until October 06, 2017.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Hong Kong Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$699.00 USD per person, double, land only, airfare is not included. The purchase of an additional air segment is required for this extension. Please inquire for air rate at time of booking.

3 Meals: 3 Breakfasts

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Hong Kong.

Day 2: Hong Kong - Extension Begins

Today you arrive in Hong Kong, one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities. You will stay in Kowloon, located in the heart of Hong Kong's bustling shopping district. Hong Kong is noted for fabulous savings on jewelry, silk and leather products. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Day 3: Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island

Cross the harbor and enjoy a comprehensive tour of Hong Kong Island, home to the city's most popular sites. Visit Stanley Market and stroll around its famous seaside village bazaar. Learn about the lifestyle of Hong Kong's fishermen with a visit to Aberdeen Fishing Village where you will have the opportunity to take an optional traditional sampan ride in the typhoon shelter. Your tour will also take you past Repulse Bay Beach, an important strategic location during World War II and the longest beach on the island. Complete your tour with a panoramic ride up Victoria Peak for spectacular views of the city and harbor below. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Hong Kong

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this great city. Perhaps you will enjoy some shopping in the Kowloon area or take a stroll on Hong Kong's oldest and most atmospheric street, Shanghai Street. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Hong Kong - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

You will board your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

A minimum of 1 passenger is required for this extension to operate.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

This extension requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Phú Quoc Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$749.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

3 Meals: 3 Breakfasts

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Phú Quoc

Extend your adventure with a 3-night stay in paradise. It's the perfect way to complete your Southeast Asia tour. Your extension begins with a flight to the beautiful island of Phú Quoc, a tropical utopia where white sand beaches meet lush green jungles. After checking in to your beachfront resort, enjoy plenty of free time to explore.

Day 16: Phú Quoc

Sink into the local lifestyle and relax by the pool or stroll along the beach. Or perhaps try some of the many available fun activities such as snorkeling or fishing. Half of the land on the island is protected as a national park so there are no shortages of hiking trails and other natural sanctuaries. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 17: Phú Quoc

Enjoy another day of rest and relaxation. The friendly concierge and activities staff will help you get the most out of your time. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 18: Phú Quoc - Ho Chi Minh City - Extension Ends

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City early this morning to connect to your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

This extension is not hosted or guided.

Roundtrip airport and hotel transfers are included to/from Ho Chi Minh City and Phú Quoc.

The Phú Quoc and Bangkok extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked.

A minimum of 2 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

The internal flights for this extension are not included in the land price of your tour. These flights need to be arranged and purchased separately if you arrange your own air. Internal flights are included with the air portion of your tour if you purchase air through us. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

If taking this extension, a multiple entry visa is required. Please contact CIBT or visit their website at www.cibtvisas.ca or check with your consulate for more information. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. It is the traveler's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. All document/processing fees are at the expense of the traveler. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

This extension operates at a very leisurely pace. Minimal physical activity is required, such as climbing some stairs, boarding a motorcoach, and walking from the hotel reception area to hotel rooms and dining areas.

Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Bangkok Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$949.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Bangkok, Thailand

Board a short flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. During your leisure time today, marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs or just soak in the energy of the city - there is a reason Bangkok has always been one of the most popular destinations in Asia.

Day 16: Bangkok

Begin today by boarding a long-tail boat and explore Bangkok's network of canals – called klongs. Drift past local houses and learn about daily life along the waterways. Stop at the iconic Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn. Later, visit the Golden Buddha, one of the world's largest solid gold statues; learn how it was originally covered in plaster to conceal it from invaders. Proceed to Wat Po, temple of the Reclining Buddha. Gasp at the scale of this 140-foot long gold-leaf-covered monument and its mother-of-pearl inlaid feet. Explore the grounds of the Grand Palace and marvel at the grandeur of this royal residence. Stop at Wat Phra Kaew, home of the Emerald Buddha and Thailand's most sacred temple. Continue with a visit to the Jim Thompson House, home of the American entrepreneur who revitalized the Thai silk industry before his mysterious disappearance. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 17: Bangkok

Visit the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market where hundreds of vendors sell fruits and vegetables from their boats. Next, visit Phra Pathom Chedi in Nakhon Pathom, supposedly the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy Bangkok. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 18: Bangkok - Extension Ends

Board your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The Phú Quoc and Bangkok extensions operate concurrently. Only one post extension may be booked.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

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