



VIETNAM

ESCORTED VISION IMPAIRED TOUR TO VIETNAM

For over 10 years Travel Tree has designed and escorted a Vision Impaired tour to the most interesting places and through a perceived demand has decided to create a very inclusive experience to Vietnam.

Offering an overload to the senses with sounds of vibrant street life, smells of incense from local offerings, the touch of ethnic textiles or 'touching the earth' at a local market stop and tastes of the many culinary delights this 10 day itinerary will be sure to offer something to all.

All the tours have been escorted by George Booth who will once again travel with the group to ensure all needs are met and a good time had by all!

9 Nights / 10 Days
 Departing Australia Monday
 30th April & Returning Australia
 Wednesday 9th May 2018

Package Pricing

per person
 twin share

Ex Perth

\$3,250

Ex East Coast

\$3,430 AUD



PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Economy class flights Australia to Vietnam and return flying Singapore Airlines
- Economy class domestic flights, Ho Chi Minh City – Da Nang / Da Nang – Hanoi with Vietnam Airlines
- Current airport taxes and charges
- 3 nights' Ho Chi Minh City accommodation at the Novotel in a Superior Room
- 3 nights' Hoi An accommodation at the Royal Riverside Hotel in a Deluxe Room
- 3 nights' Hanoi accommodation at the Silk Path Hotel in a Deluxe Room
- Airport transfers & land transportation on tours
- Full daily breakfasts and other meals as featured in the itinerary
- Sightseeing as featured in the itinerary
- Entrance fees and Services of your escort Mr George Booth from Travel Tree

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than featured
- Vietnam Visa cost (compulsory for Australian passport holders – enquire with Travel Tree)
- Travel insurance, Personal expenditure i.e. telephone calls, alcohol etc.

NOTE:

- For Vision Impaired persons it is necessary to have a sighted companion for the duration of the tour
- Travel Insurance is compulsory
- A valid Australian passport with at least 6 months validity is required
- A deposit of \$350.00 per person is required within 7 days of confirmation with the balance due by the 26th February 2018
- Prices are based on minimum tour numbers met
- Tour Escort on tour (subject to minimum 20 persons on tour)



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Itinerary...

Day 1: HO CHI MINH CITY - Arrival

Transfer to hotel for check in. Enjoy a welcome function this evening to meet your travelling companions.
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 2: HO CHI MINH CITY

After breakfast drive to Tao Dan Park to visit the Saigon Bird Club and be entertained by the lively chirping songbirds while sipping a cup of Vietnamese hot coffee. Take a cyclo ride to China Town to experience the smells of traditional herbal medicines & incense. Drive back to Ben Thanh Market to enjoy authentic Pho noodle soup at Pho 2000, which had the honour of receiving the former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Visit the War Remnants Museum then proceed to visit a family of local musicians and enjoy their performances. They will introduce you to Vietnamese traditional instruments and allow you to try these which creates a great deal of noise and merriment. In the evening, have dinner at Noir Restaurant 'Dining in the Dark' which is designed to take you on a journey of the senses.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 3: HO CHI MINH CITY

Pick up at our hotel and transfer to the wholesale Flower Market. Start your foodie tour with one of the most famous Vietnamese snacks – "Banh Mi"; enjoy the crunchy fresh French roll mixing with the taste of sour pickle, pate, cold cuts, soya sauce, chili... While walking through the market alleys to experience bustling local life, you will have a chance to try the local seafood noodle soup, taste some fried banana, fresh spring rolls, Choose dessert from various kinds of "Che" - sweet soup in Vietnamese – cooked by different ingredients: dry fruits, beans, jelly, coconut milk, nuts... Walk through the flower shops and relax by a local café.

Then drive to Mr. Duc Dau's house who is the master of instrumental percussion. His performances will leave you captivated.

Visit and interact with students in Nguyen Dinh Chieu Vision Impaired School. Afterward, drive back to hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 4: HO CHI MINH CITY – HOI AN

Transfer to airport for flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, transfer to Hoi An for check in at our hotel.

Overnight in Hoi An. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 5: HOI AN

Start your day by visiting Hoi An fish market, where you will experience the sounds & smells of the busy local market place. Then drive to visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops, here learn how to make one yourself before proceeding to a local restaurant to enjoy Cao Lau as well as Mi Quang that are typical and symbolic foods of Hoi An Ancient Town. Enjoy a meal with a farmer's family in Tra Que village before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Hoi An. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 6: HOI AN

Everywhere in Vietnam you can see rice paddies. Rice is a part of life and it reflects the Vietnamese culture. You will be met at your hotel and transferred to a village for a short journey on the buffalo cart to the farming family. Meet the farmers and enjoy rice tea before putting on traditional Vietnamese farmer clothing to prepare for an experience in the field.

You will be explained to understand the life of the countryside people as well as the traditional ways of producing rice: raking soil, transplanting rice and preparing cooking rice.

This afternoon we take a walking tour in and around Hoi An town. In the evening, have dinner at a local restaurant which offers local folk music whilst you dine.

Overnight in Hoi An. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 7: HOI AN – HANOI

Transfer to Da Nang airport for our flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check in. This afternoon we will experience a 3 hour Hanoi Foodie Tour. You will enjoy and discover many ways that Vietnamese food is cooked & prepared as well as how to taste it properly.

Overnight in Hanoi. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 8: HANOI

In the morning, drive to Bac Ninh, an area considered the cradle of traditional Vietnamese music and theatre. On arrival, visit the Do Temple where Kings of the Ly Dynasty are worshiped. Proceed to Dinh Bang communal house. Enjoy the UNESCO recognized Quan Ho folksongs. Lunch at Dinh Bang communal house before returning to Hanoi. Visit the water puppetry making place of Mr Phan Thanh Liem where you will discover how a water puppet is made and controlled. Drive back to hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 9: HANOI

Visit the Koto Cooking class and have lunch at Koto Restaurant. In the afternoon, drive to Bat Trang Village, which is renowned for its ceramics. On arrival, take a stroll through narrow lanes of the ancient village to discover and witness the art of pottery and ceramics coming to life. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, you will learn how to shape ceramic products. Then visit Nguyen Dinh Chieu Vision Impaired School / The Blind Association of Vietnam. Later proceed back to hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi. **[Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]**

Day 10: HANOI Departure

Free until transfer to airport for departure flight.

[Breakfast]