



Day Two. Hue

B & D

In the morning we will take a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter (optional) and explore the fascinating narrow streets where trades people can be seen working on the pavement. The afternoon is free to explore on your own.

Lodging

Saigon Morin Hotel, 30 Le Loi Rue, Hue City  
Phone:84.-54-823-526 Fax: 84-54-825-155

Day Three: Hue to – Hoi An (pop.76,000) 142 km / 89 mi  
Lang Co Beach to Hoi An: 75 km / 47 mi

We drive from Hue (you are welcome to cycle if you would like a long ride) to Lang Co Beach, a superb beach where you may like to have a swim before biking. After a few km of flat road, we tackle the Hai Van Pass, a very quiet road now that there is a tunnel (not open to cyclists). The view from the top, and on the descent, is outstanding and well worth the effort. (The support vehicle will be there, of course, should you prefer to drive) After a fabulous descent we reach Danang.

From here you may like to visit China Beach where American servicemen went for their R&R during the Vietnam /American War or a marble factory and view the exquisite workmanship.

Lodging: B, L, D

Vinh Hung Resort, Hoi An

Phone 84 510 863-717 Email: [vinhhung.ha@dng.vnn.vn](mailto:vinhhung.ha@dng.vnn.vn)

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, tennis court, swimming pool, laundry service.

Features: A garden setting on the banks of the Vu Gia River and a short walk from the old town.

Day Four : Hoi An. Rest Day

Today is a day at leisure to explore this delightful town (dating back to 200BC) with its street side cafes, artists and markets. Explore the historic architecture of Japanese and French origin, take in the morning concert of traditional music or take a gentle ride (c.10km return) to fabulous Hoi An beach. There is much to see and do. (There are wonderful pastry shops in the old town and excellent tailors who will make any garment to measure in a few hours). Let your guide know if you would like a longer ride.

Lodging: B. Lunch & dinner not included today, there are several attractive riverside restaurants.

Vinh Hung Resort, Hoi An

Phone 84 510 863-717

*Cycling distances given are entirely optional; the support van will be available at all times*



Day Eight: Nha Trang Rest day

Today there is the option of a boat trip to the islands. You will visit a fishing village and be rowed ashore in Vietnamese round boats. There will be time to swim and snorkel, so bring your 'togs'. A stop will be made at the Oceanographic Institute and Tri Nguyen Aquarium; lunch will be at a lovely bamboo restaurant on an offshore island, returning to Nha Trang mid afternoon. You may like to visit an ancient Cham Tower, a relic from the ethnic people who once ruled this part of Vietnam.

Lodging: B, Dinner is not included; there are many restaurants close by.  
Nha Trang Lodge Hotel, 42 Tran Phu, Nga Trang Beach Town  
Phone (84.58)810 500 Fax. (84.58) 828800 Email: [nt-lodge@dng.vnn.vn](mailto:nt-lodge@dng.vnn.vn)  
[www.nt-lodge.com](http://www.nt-lodge.com)

Day Nine: Nha Trang to Buon Ma Thout (pop187,000) 184 km / 115 mi  
Cycling section: 50 km / 37 mi (or further if you wish)

Today we cycle through the mountainous Central Highlands. A feature is the long houses of the Edeh and M'Nong people (the two main ethnic groups in the Central Highlands).

Lodging: B, L,D  
Victory Hotel, 01 Phan Chu Trinh Str, Buon Ma Thout, Daklak Province  
Phone: (84 50) 857 615 Fax (84 50) 857 622

Day Ten: Buon Ma Thout to Dalat (pop.130,000) 199 km/ 124 mi  
Cycling section: to Lien Son: 75 km / 47 mi  
An uphill but good cycling day

We cycle on a very attractive road through a wonderful variety of scenery – through hills and broad valleys we head for Lien Son, the summer palace of the late Emperor, with its sweeping views of Ho Lak and the surrounding countryside. We also stop at an ethnic village, with its long houses and may have the opportunity to have a ride on working elephants.

Lodging: B, L,D  
Novotel Dalat, 7 Tran Phu Street, Dalat  
Phone: 063.825 777 Fax: 063.825 888 Email: [novotel@bdvn.vnd.net](mailto:novotel@bdvn.vnd.net)  
Facilities: A attractive, refurbished 3\* hotel in the French colonial style with all modern facilities.  
Features: Close to centre of town and lake.

*Cycling distances given are entirely optional; the support van will be available at all times*

Day Eleven: Dalat. Rest day

Da Lat, at 1,475 metres above sea level, is a temperate region dotted with lakes and waterfalls and surrounded by evergreen forests. Once known as "Little Paris", this was once a French hill station. The surrounding hills provide South Vietnam with the more temperately grown flowers and fruit and vegetables such as strawberries, carrots and apples.

In the morning we visit a silk embroidery village, the "Crazy House", with its weird architecture, and the Art Deco summer palace built for former emperor Bao Dai in 1933. The afternoon is free for you to explore: Dalat is an excellent area to explore by foot or cycle. You may wish to cycle around Xuan Huong Lake, or take the cable-car to the Zen Pagoda. A half day tour to an ethnic village is an optional extra – please ask your guide to arrange this.

Lodging: B

Novotel Dalat, 7 Tran Phu Street, Da Lat

Phone: 063.825 777 Fax: 063.825 888 Email: [novotel@bdvn.vnd.net](mailto:novotel@bdvn.vnd.net)

Day Twelve: Dalat to Mui Ne: (near Phan Tiet, pop.169,000) 164 km / 103 mi  
Ta In to Mui Ne 118 km / 74 mi (mostly downhill)  
picnic lunch to Mui Ne: 57 km / 35 mi

We descend the Prenn Pass, then take a minor road, with superb views, through isolated country, to a K'Ho, ethnic minority village where we have lunch. From here we continue to descent gently to the coast and our overnight stay at beautiful Bamboo Village resort on the golden sand Mui Ne.

Lodging: B, L, D

Bamboo Village Beach Resort, km 11.8, Ham Tien, Phan Thiet City

Phone 84 62 847-007; Fax: 84 62 847-095 Email: [bamboo\\_village@hcm.vnn.vn](mailto:bamboo_village@hcm.vnn.vn)

[www.bamboovillageresort.com](http://www.bamboovillageresort.com)

Features: Attractive resort set in tropical gardens and with private beach

Facilities: Restaurant , poolside bar, swimming pool, outdoor jacuzzi, laundry service.

Day Thirteen: Mui Ne to Loc An: 101 km / 63 mi

Quiet roads take us to the coastal desert reserve at Phuoc Buu. Lunch will be at La Gi. In the afternoon there will be more coastal riding as we cycle beside large sand dunes and plantations of the bizarre looking Dragon fruit.

Lodging: B, L, D

Loc An Resort

Address Xa Loc An, H. Long Dat, t. Ba Ria – Vung Tau

Ph 084 886-377 685-031, [locanresort@hcmc.comnetnam.com.vn](mailto:locanresort@hcmc.comnetnam.com.vn)

[www.locanresort.com](http://www.locanresort.com)

Features: Comfortable new hotel, built on the banks of the Ray River.

Facilities: Licensed bar and restaurant, swimming pool, with a hotel punt available to cross the river to the ocean beach.

*Cycling distances given are entirely optional; the support van will be available at all times*

Day Fourteen: Loc An Beach to Saigon:  
Cycling section: 60 km / 37 mi

We cycle by rubber, cashew nut and black pepper plantations. On reaching a road side temple we load up to avoid the busy highway into Ho Chi Minh City and take the Cat Lai car ferry across one of the many branches of the Mekong. There is the option of not cycling today in order to spend more time in Saigon.

Lodging: B, L, D

Grand Hotel

8 Dong Khoi St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone:84.8.8230163 Fax: 84.8.8235781. Email: [grand-hotel@fmail.vnn.vn](mailto:grand-hotel@fmail.vnn.vn)

[www.grandhotelsaigon.com](http://www.grandhotelsaigon.com)

Facilities: Satellite TV, Swimming pool, fitness centre, laundry.

Features: A comfortable character hotel with a French flavour.

The hotel is centrally located, close to good shopping, a local market and a selection of restaurants.

Day Fifteen:

The tour finishes after breakfast this morning. We will gladly take you to the airport should you depart this morning.

We hope you have enjoyed your holiday and wish you a safe journey home.

You may like to leave the following accommodation list with friends or relatives.

**VIETNAM**  
**15 Days / 14 Nights**

DAY		LOCATION	ACCOMMODATION	PHONE
1	22 Feb'09	Hue	Hotel Saigon Morin	(84) 54 823526
2	23 "	Hue	Hotel Saigon Morin	(84) 54 823526
3	24 "	Hoi An	Vinh Hung II	(84) 51 0863-717
4	25 "	Hoi An	Vinh Hung II	(84) 51 0863-717
5	26 "	Quang Ngai	Central Hotel	(84) 55 829999
6	27 "	Qui Nhon	Hoang Anh Resort	(84) 56 747100
7	28 "	Nha Trang	Nha Trang Lodge	(84) 58 810500
8	01 Mar	Nha Trang	Nha Trang Lodge	(84) 58 810500
9	02 Mar	Buon Ma Thuot	Victory Hotel	(84) 50 586767
10	03 "	Da Lat	Novotel Dalat	(84) 63 82577
11	04 "	Da Lat	Novotel Dalat	(84) 63 825777
12	05 "	Phan Tiet	Bamboo Village Resort	(84) 62 847007
13	06 "	Loc An	Loc An Resort	(84) 64 886377
14	07 "	Saigon	Grand Hotel	(84) 88 230163
15	08 Mar'09	Depart for home or Mekong Delta		

## **Pre trip Northern Discovery: Hanoi to HaLong Bay**

### Day One:

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.  
There will be time for a quick city tour to explore Hanoi's ancient quarter.

#### Lodging: D

Thien Thai Hotel, 45 Nguyen TruongTo Str; Ba Dinh District, Hanoi  
Phone: 84.4.7164 126 Fax: 84.4.7164 917 Email: thienthai@fptvn  
Facilities: Licensed restaurant, bar, lounge, laundry, hotel doctor  
Features: Central location, adjacent to the old town.

or similar hotel

### Day Two : Halong Bay

Travel to Halong on the coast, a popular holiday resort for local people and also the departure point for your boat journey to Halong Bay World Heritage Park.

Halong Bay is one of the most spectacular and romantic of all Vietnam's natural wonders. From the emerald waters 3,000 islands rise steeply to create a dramatic seascape. Said to be the 'dragon descends into the sea'. An overnight boat trip (with the option of sea-kayaking) through this magical land is included

Lodging: Overnight on support boat B, L, D

### Day Three : Hanoi

In the morning you will enjoy stops at various grottoes and caves. Lunch is served on board before returning to shore and our journey back to Hanoi.

This evening you will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Lodging: B,L, D

Thien Thai Hotel, 45 Nguyen TruongTo Str; Ba Dinh District, Hanoi  
Phone: 84.4.7164 126 Fax: 84.4.7164 917 Email: thienthai@fptvn  
Facilities: Licensed restaurant, bar, lounge, laundry, hotel doctor  
Features: Central location, adjacent to the old town.

Day Four :

In the morning we transfer you to the airport for your outbound flight.

You may wish to extend your stay in Hanoi to visit some of Hanoi's historical sights: the beautiful Hoan Kiem lake, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh's house, where he preferred to live simply. One Pillar Pagoda, a small but significant pagoda with a Buddhist representation of the world and the Temple of Literature, originally built in 1070. We are happy to reserve additional hotel accommodation for you.

**VIETNAM  
Northern Discovery**

DAY		LOCATION	ACCOMMODATION	PHONE
1	19 Feb'09	Hanoi	Thien Thai Hotel	(84) 47 164 126
2	20 "	Boat- Halong Bay		
3	21 "	Hanoi	Thien Thai Hotel	(84) 47 164 126
4	22 Feb'09	Depart for Hue		

We hope you have enjoyed your holiday and wish you a safe journey home.

## Post Tour 5 day / 4 night Mekong Delta Tour

You may like to take a post-tour trip to the Mekong Delta

Day Fifteen: Ho Chi Minh City to Long Xuyen

We will drive from the city to the start of the cycle section on quiet Highway 30. The countryside is pancake flat with brilliant green rice fields threaded with a network of canals and rivers. We will visit the Vuon Co Stork sanctuary late afternoon, in time to see the birds fly in at sunset.

Cycle section: Up to 71 km / 44 mi – or as little as you wish

Lodging: L,D

Dong Xuyen Hotel

9A Luong Van Cu St, My Long Ward, Long Xuyen City

Phone:84.076 942260 Email: [dongxuyenag@hcm.vnn.vn](mailto:dongxuyenag@hcm.vnn.vn)

Web: [www.angiangtourimex.com.vn](http://www.angiangtourimex.com.vn)

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, Satellite TV, sauna, laundry.

Features: A centrally located 3 star hotel .

Day Sixteen: Long Xuyen to Chau Doc 58 km / 36 mi

You will pass through huge expanses of paddy fields as you follow the canal system all the way to Chau Doc, close to the Cambodian border. This is a great way to see the river lifestyles of the local people; the canals are alive with boats transporting goods and the banks are lined with houses and fish cages. In the afternoon we will take a boat tour to visit a floating village, where the houses are built above fish cages, in which they grow the infamous Bassa catfish.

This area has a large Khmer community, which combined with local Cham people and Chinese, forms a diverse melting pot of cultures.

Lodging: B, L, D

Victoria Chau Doc Hotel

32 Le Loi St, Chau Doc, An Giang province.

Ph (84.76) 865 010 fax (84.76) 865 020 [chaudoc@victoriahotels-asia.com](mailto:chaudoc@victoriahotels-asia.com)

Features: Beautiful colonial-style 4 star hotel, with superb views of the three rivers junction.

Facilities: Licensed bar and restaurant, swimming pool, sauna and massage, business centre.

*Cycling distances given are entirely optional; the support vehicle will be available at all times*

