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# Vietnam: An Intimate Portrait

*Follow the Flow of Tradition through Vietnam's Enduring Heritage*

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### Trip Details:

**Days**

11 Days /  
Mar-May,  
Sep-Dec

**Price**

From  
\$12695

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### Follow the Flow of Tradition through Vietnam's Enduring Heritage

Find the enduring essence of Vietnam on a journey beyond the landmarks and into the lanes and livelihoods of daily life. Morning markets in the alleys of Hanoi come to life as vendors set out their wares and neighbors greet one another as they pick up fresh fruit and bread. The aroma of coffee drifts from cafes in the French colonial streets of Hue. In Hoi An, wander the lantern-lit Old Town after dark. Beyond the cities, the countryside is a lush mosaic of rivers, rice fields and serene villages where life unfolds much as it has for centuries. Limestone mountains, draped in emerald jungle, rise from fertile wetlands. Thousand-year-old temples and tiny shrines anchor community life in ritual and devotion. Through our local relationships, get an intimate view few are privileged to have: Visit private gardens, join hosts for tea in their homes, and learn artisan crafts practiced for centuries. Experience Vietnam in rare and personal settings, immersed in layered history and living culture.

## Trip Highlights

**In rural Vietnam, walk paths through rice paddies and stilt-house communities, visit traditional family homes, and share meals with our local hosts**

**On visits to ancient temples, pagodas and village shrines, witness spiritual practice woven into everyday routines, via rare access through our local relationships**

**In Hanoi, Hue and Hoi An, go beyond the monuments to explore living neighborhoods, markets and private garden houses, with hands-on cultural interactions**

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### Itinerary At A Glance

**Day 1**

Hanoi, Vietnam

**Day 2**

Red River / Bat Trang—Private Ceramic Workshop / Hanoi City Walk / Private Home-Hosted Dinner

**Day 3**

Ninh Binh—Van Long Wetlands by Private Sampan / Bich Dong Pagoda

**Day 4**

Scenic Drive to Mai Chau Valley—Traditional Village Life

**Day 5**

Mai Chau Countryside—Hill Tribe Villages / Avana Retreat

**Day 6**

Tien Huong Temple—Private Len Dong Ceremony / Fly to Hue

**Day 7**

Discovering Imperial & Colonial Hue / Private Tea with Zen Master

## Vietnam: An Intimate Portrait Itinerary

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### Day 1: Hanoi, Vietnam

Arrive in Vietnam's capital, a vital, modern city with a layered history shaped by centuries of Chinese and French influence. Off tree-lined boulevards abuzz with countless scooters, narrow lanes shelter hidden homes and traditional shops where commerce is conducted unchanged over generations. Outdoor markets, flower stalls and street food vendors do a brisk business among sophisticated hotels and trendy cafes. And Hanoi's sacred heritage is evident in the 600 temples and pagodas found throughout the city.



After settling in to your hotel, join a guided walk this afternoon through the Old Quarter, the cultural and historic heart of Hanoi and its most beguiling neighborhood. Antique brick houses and skinny storefronts line the maze of alleyways, while stalls heaped with fresh fruits and vegetables add a rainbow of color to the jumbled street life collage. Thrumming with energy, the tight grid of twisting lanes reflects the names of the particular product historically sold on each of the 36 streets. The area's history of artisanship dates back more than a thousand years, when Emperor Ly Thai To moved his capital to Hanoi in 1010. Craftsmen followed the imperial entourage, setting up shop outside the new palace and forming guilds. Still today, silversmiths, potters and mat weavers ply their trades alongside more contemporary vendors hawking a whole host of practical wares. We make a stop at Tan My Design, a boutique craft shop that showcases a living legacy of Hanoi artistry. Here, four generations of women have preserved the art of silk hand embroidery, reimagining it for contemporary fashion and home goods.

This evening, enjoy an introduction to Vietnam's celebrated cuisine at a welcome dinner, as our Expedition Leader shares an overview of the days to come.

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**Day 8**

An Bang—Ancestral Tombs / Lang Co Fishing Village / Da Nang / Hoi An

**Day 9**

Hoi An / Organic Farm Village—Private Cooking Class / Basket Boat Ride

**Day 10**

Cham Temples / Sunset Dinner Cruise & Hoi An by Night

**Day 11**

Hoi An / Da Nang—Depart

### Day 2: Red River / Bat Trang—Private Ceramic Workshop / Hanoi City Walk / Private Home-Hosted Dinner

Hanoi lies in the center of the Red River Delta, one of the most fertile regions in Vietnam, where rice cultivation dates back nearly 5,000 years. The river flows 700 miles from Yunnan in southwest China through northern Vietnam to the Gulf of Tonkin, and we cross it this morning en route to Bat Trang, a bankside village famed for its thousand-year history of ceramic production. Based in family tradition using the abundant white clay in the region, Bat Trang pottery was renowned early on, gifted to the Chinese Emperor in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries. The village still holds about 80% of the 1,200 kilns that have fired ceramics since Bat Trang was established, and accomplished potters take pride in passing down their skills to new generations. Wandering narrow lanes lined with ceramic walls and workshops, we observe how ancient craft blends seamlessly with contemporary life.

Visit Van Chi Temple in the heart of the village, an important cultural site honoring the ancestors and masters of the ceramic craft. Then meet with a local artisan to try your own hand at ceramic making under expert guidance. Lunch follows in a private home, where our hosts invite us into their beautifully restored family villa. Return to Hanoi in the afternoon for a city walk with our Expedition Leader, pausing for a traditional coffee at a local cafe. Coffee culture is huge in Hanoi and throughout Vietnam, and you may wish to try a classic egg coffee or an iced coffee with condensed milk. This evening, enjoy an intimate dinner hosted in a private home.

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### **Day 3: Ninh Binh—Van Long Wetlands by Private Sampan / Bich Dong Pagoda**

Depart Hanoi and travel south to Ninh Binh, an entrancing landscape where sheer limestone mountains rise from rice paddies and emerald marshes—sometimes called “inland Ha Long Bay.” The region, which was the capital of Vietnam in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries, has been recognized as a dual-status UNESCO World Heritage Site, holding both outstanding cultural and natural value. We explore the less-visited Van Long Wetland Nature Reserve by traditional sampan, drifting quietly through calm channels in one of the last intact lowland marshes in the Red River Delta. As the oars slip silently through the water, the imposing peaks, draped in dense green vegetation, are reflected in the still surface. The reserve is one of the last refuges of the critically endangered Delacour’s langur and the only place the species is seen in the wild.

Continue on foot through a nearby village, feeling the rhythms of rural life as we walk along small lanes past farm fields and simple homes. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit picturesque Bich Dong Pagoda, originally built in 1428 and rediscovered in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century by two traveling monks after it was lost to the jungle earlier. The pagoda was expanded to become a series of cave temples set into the hillside. Then, traverse rice fields to reach Thai Vi Temple, an 800-year-old sanctuary that remains a peaceful place of prayer, meditation and thanksgiving. Here, and across Vietnam, landscapes like this where water, stone and cultivated land converge are regarded as naturally sacred, deeply connected to animism and folk religion, where the boundary between the natural and spiritual worlds is blurred.

By late afternoon, arrive at Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat in a tucked-away forested valley, where low-slung villas reflect traditional Vietnamese architecture, and gardens are woven into the natural limestone landscape. With views across rice fields and karst cliffs, the retreat offers a serene setting for relaxing before dinner at the fine restaurant on site, set within a 125-year-old church that has been carefully preserved and repurposed.

### **Day 4: Scenic Drive to Mai Chau Valley—Traditional Village Life**

Leave Ninh Binh this morning and travel west through a tranquil landscape of rivers, terraced farmland and tiny villages. Around midday, we arrive in the Mai Chau Valley, ringed by the steep mountains of Hoa Binh, where we enjoy a traditional lunch prepared by local hosts. Relative isolation has allowed ethnic hilltribe communities, including White Thai and Hmong, to retain their distinct identities, expressed through locally unique architecture, regional dress, traditional cuisines, and distinctive cultural arts including weaving and batik. In the afternoon, set out on an easy walk through nearby villages, passing bamboo-stilt houses, rice paddies worked with water buffalo, and everyday scenes of life in the valley. There may be an opportunity to experience traditional music and dance shared by members of a local ethnic community. Late in the day, arrive at Avana Retreat, where individual suites are secluded in the forested hills above the Mai Chau Valley amid waterfalls and dense vegetation.

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### **Day 5: Mai Chau Countryside—Hill Tribe Villages / Avana Retreat**

Begin the day with a gentle walk through the Mai Chau countryside, following village paths through rice fields and bamboo-shrouded hills. A short scenic transfer provides access to more remote areas, including the hill village of Hich, where we meet local White Thai families and learn about their close-knit community and subsistence agricultural practices. One of the oldest Indigenous ethnic groups in Vietnam, the Thais came to this region between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. They are known for their colorful woven textiles featuring intricate decorative patterns. We also visit with a Vietnamese veteran of the Vietnam War, who offers a personal perspective on the traumatic conflict and its lasting imprint on the region. Return to our hotel for lunch, followed by an opportunity to learn about traditional Thai crafts practiced by the local community. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before we gather again for dinner in our secluded sanctuary.

### **Day 6: Tien Huong Temple—Private Len Dong Ceremony / Fly to Hue**

Leaving Mai Chau, travel eastward toward Hanoi, watching the landscape transition from mountains and valleys to open lowland plains. At the Tien Huong Palace, we have a private visit with Nguyen Duc Hien, a respected cultural historian and keeper of Dao Mau traditions—Vietnamese Mother Goddess worship. This syncretic folk religion honors the female deities of three realms representing Heaven, Water and Mountains/Forest. UNESCO has inscribed the practice on its list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing its vibrant rituals featuring music, dance and elaborate costumes. During our visit, learn about the history and social significance of this religious tradition, then observe a Len Dong ceremony in a private setting. This central element of Mother Goddess worship features mediums that channel spirits—through song, dance and costume changes—to seek health, prosperity and blessings for the living. Afterward, over lunch at the temple with our host, we have time for informal conversation and reflection.

Then it's time to transfer to the airport and fly south to Hue, celebrated as the intellectual, spiritual and cultural heart of Vietnam. Set along the Perfume River, Hue was Vietnam's former imperial capital under its last royal dynasty, the Nguyen kings. The Nguyen reign lasted from 1802 until 1945, weakened under French colonial influence in its latter decades before falling to the Viet Minh, led by Ho Chi Minh, in the August Revolution. Hue today retains its many layers of historic imprints, with Chinese-inspired pagodas, bridges built by Gustav Eiffel, and French colonial art deco mansions.

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### Day 7: Discovering Imperial & Colonial Hue / Private Tea with Zen Master

Explore Hue this morning, beginning with a guided tour of the Imperial Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was the seat of the Nguyen Dynasty. Emperor Gia Long unified Vietnam and established its feudal capital here in 1802, constructing a massive citadel modeled after Beijing's Forbidden City, which became the site of royal administration and a locus for Confucian study. Inside the fortress walls of this architectural masterpiece, trace a path through the sprawling complex of palaces, pavilions, shrines and courtyards that embody the city's royal past.

Continue to a Luc Bo Culture Space, a unique venue where visitors can enjoy an immersive experience in Vietnam's rich artistic and cultural heritage. Participate in a hands-on workshop, learning age-old techniques to create traditional handicrafts. Next, we head to Dong Ba Market, one of the oldest markets in Hue, dating to 1899 in its current location, and its busiest site of street commerce, with vendors selling everything from exotic fruits and fermented anchovy paste to silk pajamas and Vietnam's traditional conical hats. Take a break for a private lunch in an ancient garden, spending time with a monk who studied under Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. Over tea, discuss Buddhist philosophy and contemporary spiritual life in Hue.

This evening, enjoy a private dinner and cultural experience at Ben Xuan Garden House along the Perfume River. Built in Nguyen dynasty period style using ancient bricks, tiles, porcelain and wood, the romantic setting offers the perfect venue for this intimate artistic immersion, hosted by the home's owners. The performance features storytelling, live chamber music, folksongs performed by a traditional instrument ensemble, and an overview of the home's architecture on a tour of the residence.

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### **Day 8: An Bang—Ancestral Tombs / Lang Co Fishing Village / Da Nang / Hoi An**

Depart Hue and travel south to An Bang, a seaside village known for its elaborate tombs. Nicknamed the City of Ghosts, An Bang was originally a typical fishing town. In the 1990s, it was transformed in an exuberant display of artistic flourish and showy wealth when residents who had emigrated to the U.S. and Europe after the reunification of Vietnam in 1975 sent money back to relatives to build lavish homes and monumental tombs. Honoring ancestors is an important part of Vietnamese culture, reflecting the worldview that the dead remain an active presence in family life. Soon, the village cemetery became crowded with multi-story mausoleums adorned with intricate spires, carvings and filigreed facades. As we wander among this splendid “kingdom of the spirits” with our Expedition Leader, we learn about the Vietnamese belief that meticulously decorating and caring for tombs will bring good fortune to the family.

Continue to Lang Co, stopping for a walk in this scenic fishing village spanning a stretch of pristine white sand beach. Then cross Hai Van Pass, following a winding coastal corridor along the spine of lush mountains that meet the turquoise East Sea. Stop for lunch in the oceanside city of Da Nang on My Khe Beach, then continue to Hoi An and check into our riverside hotel near the Old Town. As evening falls, we take a walk through lantern-lit streets and along the Thu Bon River, followed by dinner at a restaurant on its banks.

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### **Day 9: Hoi An / Organic Farm Village—Private Cooking Class / Basket Boat Ride**

Beguiling Hoi An awaits our exploration, as we discover the enticing elements of this one-time trading port on the Thu Bon River. Merchants from China, Japan and Europe settled in Hoi An from the 15th to 19th centuries, creating a unique architectural fusion. The city's historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a jumble of tile-roofed shop houses, weathered pagodas and hanging flower baskets, with bikes and cyclos weaving among the foot traffic while sampans come and go from the old ferry quay. Outside the city, narrow roads weave through green rice fields to the coast.

Early risers may opt to visit a local market as Hoi An awakens for the day, watching vendors set out fresh produce and residents gathering food and goods for the day. After breakfast, travel into the countryside to Thanh Dong Organic Farming Village, an innovative agritourism enterprise. This collaborative effort of local farmers showcases sustainable agricultural practices while immersing guests in a slice of rural life. As part of our experience, we visit a local market to select fresh ingredients, then join a local chef for a cooking class focused on regional specialties, followed by lunch featuring the dishes we have created. We'll also take a ride in a traditional round basket boat along the river's coconut palm-lined waterways.

Return to Hoi An for a relaxed afternoon, with time to wander more of the Old Town at your own pace before gathering for a privately hosted dinner in a historic merchant house. Once home to trader families, these well-preserved residences have endured through centuries of global commerce, with layered updates to their design. Experience the intimate atmosphere of one such home as we enjoy a fine meal in convivial company.

### **Day 10: Cham Temples / Sunset Dinner Cruise & Hoi An by Night**

Travel to the forested hills outside Hoi An to explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of My Son, a sacred Hindu temple complex built by the Cham civilization between the 4th and 13th centuries. With a local expert, walk among the ruins of more than 70 red brick and sandstone temples as we learn about the sophisticated design involved in their construction. Although the Champa Kingdom declined centuries ago, and the structures suffered substantial bombing damage during the Vietnam War, many of the temples were reconstructed after the French uncovered the site in 1899, and its spiritual and architectural legacy endures.

By late afternoon, return to Hoi An, then head to the river for a peaceful boat cruise at sunset, the perfect setting for our farewell dinner on board. As the light begins to fade, drift toward the lantern-lit streets of the Old Town, where reflections of glowing lamps ripple across the water. At dusk, take part in a traditional lantern ceremony on the river, a romantic finale to our journey through Vietnam.

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### **Day 11: Hoi An / Da Nang—Depart**

After breakfast, check out of our hotel and transfer to Da Nang International Airport. Your Expedition Leader assists with departure formalities as you say farewell to Vietnam, carrying with you a deeper understanding of its complex history, living culture and vibrant communities.

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### Accommodation Details:

Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi

Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat

Avana Retreat

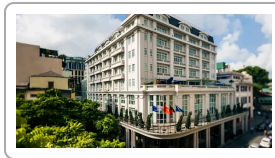
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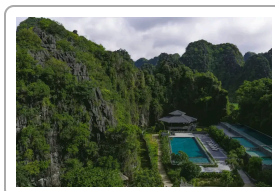
## Vietnam: An Intimate Portrait Accommodations

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### Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi

Located on a historic thoroughfare in Hanoi's Hoan Kiem District, Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi occupies a graceful French colonial-era building that bridges past and present in Vietnam's capital. Rooms and public spaces reflect a refined blend of local design and cosmopolitan ease, offering guests a calm vantage from which to observe the rhythms of the city's Old Quarter and nearby Opera House.



### Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat

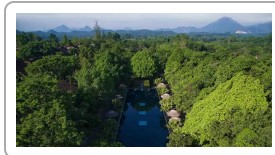
Set amid rice fields and limestone karsts in Vietnam's Ninh Binh province, Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat offers a serene base within one of the country's most dramatic cultural landscapes. Low-profile villas, gardens, and spa spaces provide a restorative setting well suited to exploration of nearby villages, pagodas, and waterways.

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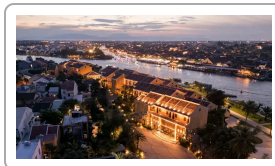
### **Avana Retreat**

Overlooking the Mai Chau Valley from a forested hillside, Avana Retreat combines vernacular architecture with expansive views across rice terraces, waterfalls, and rural villages. Its secluded setting offers a comfortable base closely connected to the landscapes and communities of northern Vietnam.



### **Pilgrimage Village**

Located just outside Hue's historic center, Pilgrimage Village offers a peaceful retreat surrounded by gardens and countryside, while remaining within easy reach of the city's imperial sites, temples, and markets. Villas and bungalows reflect regional architectural traditions and a relaxed pace of life.



### **Moire Hoi An**

Situated along the Hoai River near Hoi An's Old Town, Moire Hoi An offers contemporary comfort in a highly walkable location. Its riverside position provides easy access to lantern-lit streets, markets, and historic architecture, while offering a calm place to return at the end of the day.

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# This is No Ordinary Encounter with Vietnam

What makes this Vietnam journey different from most? On this singular experience of the country, touch daily life as it unfolds in authentic, uncontrived settings, with access that only our personal connections, cultivated relationships and small group size make possible. From riverside villages and mountain valleys to historic cities and coastal towns, you are immersed in places where people live and gather, from private homes to farms, temples and sacred sites.

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### Access Rooted in Local Relationships

Unlike standard tours that tick off major monuments and tourist sites, many of our experiences take place in private homes, temples and cultural spaces where local people practice and sustain longstanding traditions—and our access is made possible through longstanding connections with them.

**2**

### Fewer Stops, Deeper Engagement

Rather than hustling between highlights to cram in as much as possible, we've paced this trip for a slower immersion, with time to walk village paths, listen to local storytellers, and linger in quiet, secluded courtyards—you'll have time to reflect on rich experiences, rather than race between them.

**3**

### Carefully Chosen Local Hosts

From village residents and spiritual practitioners to historians and cultural experts, our hosts share their knowledge and perspectives through conversations that evolve from their deep personal connections to place.

**4**

### Small Groups for Intimate Access

With a maximum of just 12 guests, our small group can access spaces where larger groups are neither practical nor appropriate. At this scale, we can offer personalized encounters, meaningful conversation and hands-on participation in cultural activities with our hosts, while respecting customs and traditions in the communities we visit.

**5**

### Locally Owned Accommodations Feature Luxury & Character

With Terra & Tu, we believe where you stay should be as memorable as what you do. That's why we choose our boutique hotels, inns and private nature retreats for their distinctive features: intimate scale, local ambience and unique character, authentic hospitality, commitment to wellness and sustainability, and, in many settings, exquisite luxuries. You'll be warmly greeted and cared for, as if you were a personal guest.

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### **Insightful & Sensitive Leadership Throughout**

A Terra & Tu Expedition Leader accompanies the group throughout the journey, providing cultural context, facilitating introductions, and connecting experiences across regions. Our guide's role is not to lecture but to interpret, translate and create space for observation, reflection and dialogue as our journey unfolds.

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### **Built on Nat Hab's Expertise**

Terra & Tu honors the same experiential travel philosophy, operational rigor and leadership standards that have defined Natural Habitat Adventures for decades. From small groups facilitating deep local engagement to guide selection, training, and on-the-ground execution, this journey embodies a proven approach to immersive travel across diverse destinations worldwide.

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### Dates & Pricing Summary:

**Prices:**  
From \$12695

**Group Size:**  
Limited to 12 Travelers

## Vietnam: An Intimate Portrait Dates, Pricing & Info

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### 2027 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Mar 19, 2027	Mar 29, 2027	\$13095 USD (+internal air)
Apr 10, 2027	Apr 20, 2027	\$13095 USD (+internal air)
May 7, 2027	May 17, 2027	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
May 21, 2027	May 31, 2027	\$13095 USD (+internal air) <a href="#">Habitat Club Pricing Available</a>
Sep 17, 2027	Sep 27, 2027	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Oct 8, 2027	Oct 18, 2027	\$12695 USD (+internal air)

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Travelers

Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 12, 2027	Nov 22, 2027	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Dec 3, 2027	Dec 13, 2027	\$12695 USD (+internal air)

### 2028 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
! Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Mar 16, 2028	Mar 26, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Apr 7, 2028	Apr 17, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
May 4, 2028	May 14, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
May 18, 2028	May 28, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Sep 14, 2028	Sep 24, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Oct 5, 2028	Oct 15, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Nov 9, 2028	Nov 19, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)
Nov 30, 2028	Dec 10, 2028	\$12695 USD (+internal air)

### Pricing

See <https://nathab.com/cultural-journeys/vietnam-cultural-adventure/dates-fees> for the latest pricing details.

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### Included

All accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and staff, land transportation throughout, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

**Internal air cost includes:** All aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

### Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

### Important Information About This Trip

This itinerary includes several overland journeys, particularly in northern Vietnam, where traveling by road is the most effective way to access rural landscapes, village communities, and cultural sites not reachable by air. Routes between Hanoi, Ninh Binh, and the Mai Chau region involve multi-hour drives through countryside shaped by rivers, rice fields, and mountain valleys. These journeys are an integral part of the experience, offering insight into regional life beyond major cities and allowing for stops in villages and cultural settings that are rarely visited independently.

While some travel days are longer, the itinerary is intentionally designed to balance driving distances with meaningful time on the ground in each location. Road travel enables a deeper understanding of how landscapes connect communities and traditions across regions, and provides opportunities for observation and context that would be missed when traveling exclusively by air. Transfers are paced thoughtfully, with accommodations selected to support rest and comfort between exploration days.

### Mandatory Insurance

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

### Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins in Hanoi, Vietnam, and concludes in Hoi An, with departures from Da Nang International Airport. Guests should plan to arrive at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi no later than 2 PM on Day 1 in order to participate in introductory activities on arrival this afternoon (meet and greet, and a city stroll with our guide). Airport transfers to the hotel are included for arrivals on Day 1, and check-in will be available upon arrival. A welcome dinner is planned for this evening with your Expedition Leader and fellow guests.

Because many international flights to Hanoi arrive late in the evening or early morning, we strongly recommend arriving one day prior to Day 1 to allow time to rest and adjust to the time zone before the journey begins. Recommended pre-trip hotels and transfer information will be provided in your pre-departure materials.

The itinerary ends in Hoi An on Day 11, with transfers provided to Da Nang International Airport. Guests may depart at any time on the final day, though we recommend scheduling flights later in the morning or afternoon to allow for a relaxed departure. Your Expedition Leader will assist with logistics and departure coordination as needed.

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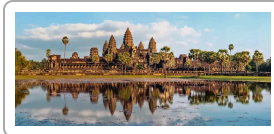


### Extension Details:

Angkor Wat & Siem Reap  
Extension  
\$4295

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### Angkor Wat & Siem Reap Extension

Extend your Indochina encounter into Cambodia, with an immersive visit to the fabled temple ruins of Angkor Wat plus other sacred Khmer Empire sites and highlights of Siem Reap. **\$4295**



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