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Taste of Vietnam

with Optional 3-Night Bangkok Pre Tour Extension

March 20 – April 2, 2020



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

14 Days • 21 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Hanoi, Walking Food Tour, Halong Bay, Choice on Tour, Hue, Hoi An, Cooking Class, Mekong Delta, Reunification Palace

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Hanoi La Siesta Hotel Trendy, Hanoi
Day 5	Bhaya Classic Halong Bay , Halong
Days 6, 7	Pilgrimage Village Hue, Hue
Days 8 – 10	Hotel Royal Hoi An, Hoi An
Days 11 – 13	Hotel des Arts Saigon, Ho Chi Minh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Immersive Small Group Touring: Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.

Day 1: Friday, March 20, 2020 Overnight Flight Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam. Inside the lush valleys and verdant fields of a rural paradise, discover a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

Day 2: Saturday, March 21, 2020 Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins Your tour opens in Hanoi, Vietnam's dynamic capital city.

Day 3: Sunday, March 22, 2020 Hanoi Enjoy a walking tour this morning through the French Quarter. You'll also see the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum which tells the story of Colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Later, discover decades of Vietnamese art treasures at the Vietnam National Art Museum. This evening, attend a traditional water puppet show that welcomes you to Vietnam with its incredible display of artistry and folklore. Afterward, dine in one of Hanoi's best restaurants located in a restored Colonial mansion. (B, D)

Day 4: Monday, March 23, 2020 Hanoi Rise early to circuit the "Lake of the Restored Sword," Hoam Kiem Lake. Become mesmerized by Tai Chi practitioners moving along the waterfront in this peaceful respite as the city comes to life for the day. Later this morning, take a step back to Imperial times on a walking tour through the Old Quarter. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour including some of Vietnam's most famous dishes like banh mi and pho. At the end of the tour, enjoy coffee and views of Hoam Kiem at a hidden rooftop café. (B, L)

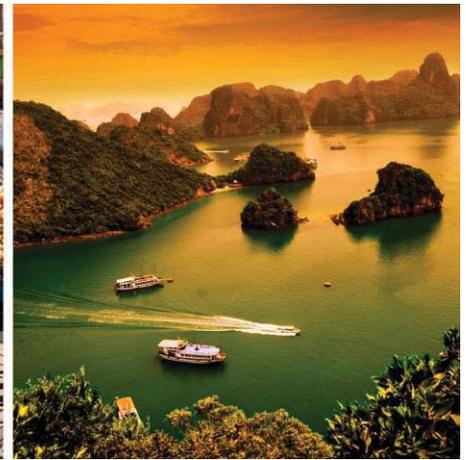
Day 5: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Hanoi - Halong Bay Journey to Halong Bay and board a luxury junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the spectacular landscape. Once on board, enjoy a feast of fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages and hundreds of islands and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history and archaeology in the mysterious Tien Ong Cave. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue Awaken as the fog gently lifts above the emerald surface of Halong Bay. The day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck, as the boat makes its way to one of the bay's floating fishing villages. Here, **it's your choice!** Explore a floating village by traditional row boat **-OR-** see it from the seat of a kayak! Cruise back to the harbor and return to Hanoi to board your flight to Hue. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, March 26, 2020 Hue A full day of discovery awaits in Vietnam's Imperial capital city of Hue. Stop at the mausoleum of Tu Doc, an elaborate royal tomb dedicated to the former emperor. At the shores of the Perfume River, board a traditional dragon boat and sail to Thien Mu Pagoda, an iconic temple that dates back to 1601. After a thrilling cyclo tour through the city, conclude the day with a tour of Hue's impressive citadel. (B)

Day 8: Friday, March 27, 2020 Hue - Hoi An On your way to Hoi An, travel the coast and countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass. Pause for a glimpse of the quaint fishing village, Lang Co. Finally, arrive in the trading port of ancient Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour of the old town, stroll by such incredible sights as the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kein Assembly Hall, and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant riverside market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Enjoy another memorable meal tonight at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, March 28, 2020 Hoi An Explore the flavors of Hoi An today. Embark on a river basket boat journey along the Thu Bon River to your kitchen for an immersive cooking class! Learn how to



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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from SFO

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catch fish and crabs in the river, and grind rice into flour. Then use your ingredients to cook four classic Vietnamese dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch afterward. Once you've learned the secrets to some of Vietnam's cuisine, embark on a soulful experience at Reaching Out Vietnam. Celebrate the work of a talented team of artisans that create original pieces of sustainable and fair-trade products. Here, amongst new friends and enlightened minds, you'll take part in an immersive lantern-making experience. A significant part of Hoi An's culture, lanterns symbolize luck, happiness, and wealth. Working together, you'll create colorful beacons of prosperity in a place that is a beacon of hope for the community. (B, L)

Day 10: Sunday, March 29, 2020 Hoi An Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town and discover an architectural melting pot all around you. You'll find history is very much alive in this beautifully preserved city on the central coast. In the afternoon, consider an optional tour exploring the Hoi An countryside by vintage Vespa. (B)

Day 11: Monday, March 30, 2020 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral,* and the Reunification Palace. Then,

head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1. (B)

Day 12: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City Today we take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Lush tropical gardens and islands, floating markets and the bustling energy of these expansive waterways give an intriguing peek into everyday life. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory, and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before traveling back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

Day 13: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 Ho Chi Minh City Embark on a journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your farewell dinner at a local restaurant – a renovated Art Deco-style villa. (B, D)

Day 14: Thursday, April 2, 2020 Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends Return home with a wealth of incredible memories of your journey through the rich cultures of Vietnam. (B)

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Aug 21, 2019, valid on air inclusive packages only.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our guests traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one month single entry visa is 40 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.

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

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.

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.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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.

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

*The Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral will be viewed from the exterior.

Travel with just 19 passengers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

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.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <http://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/services/Pages/361.aspx> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required.

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 \$750 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 14, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 21, 2019. Deposits are refundable up until August 21, 2019.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Suffix: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____

Email: _____ Nickname: _____

Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: (month/day/year) ____/____/____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "3-Night Bangkok" () Yes () No

AIR GATEWAY:

Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion
Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

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TRAVEL PROTECTION:

() Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$385 () No, I decline
If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

Please choose one of the following on tour activities:

() Halong Bay by Row Boat () Halong Bay by Kayak

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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