



Reunification Express Vietnam North to South

13 days / 12 nights

**Includes Airfares
ex Australia
& Taxes**

from **\$3110**

per person twin share

Price includes all pre-paid taxes

Departs Australia: 20 Jul - 16 Sep; 12 Oct - 20 Nov 2009

18-31 Jan; 08 Feb - 24 Mar 2010

A grand tour of Vietnam with the thrill of travelling on the Reunification Express. This is a tour for those who like to have a greater local experience and not be a part of a tour group.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Hanoi: Fly from Australia to Hanoi and transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation: Chains First Eden Hotel, Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi – Hai Phong: Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's former home, and the One Pillar Pagoda. Afternoon drive to Bac Ninh, the cradle of traditional Vietnamese music and theatre. Take a horse-drawn cart through country lanes to visit the Dinh Bang communal house and Do temple. Enjoy local folk songs before proceeding to Hai Phong for the evening. (B)

Accommodation: Harbourview Hotel, Hai Phong

Day 3: Hai Phong – Halong Bay – Hanoi: Morning drive to Halong Bay. 5-hour boat cruise with seafood lunch on board. Return to Hanoi stopping enroute at a woodcarving village. In the evening, go to Ly Club - a Vietnamese theatre in the heart of Hanoi - to enjoy the traditional music. (B,L)

Accommodation: Chains First Eden Hotel, Hanoi

Day 4: Hanoi – Hue by overnight train: Half-day city tour to Temple of Literature, the Fine Arts museum and the Lake of the Restored Sword. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening transfer to the railway station for the overnight train to Hue. (B)

Accommodation: Shared 4 berth cabin, on board train.

Day 5: Hue: Arrive in Hue and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Citadel and the elaborate tombs of Emperor Khai Dinh and Tu Duc. Stop enroute at family businesses to learn how Vietnam's famous conical hats and colourful incenses are made. (B)

Accommodation: Thanh Lich Hotel, Hue

Day 6: Hue – Danang – Hoi An: Morning boat cruise Perfume River. Visit the seven-storey Thien Mu then continue on to Hoi An by car. Drive along the coastline which winds through emerald-green paddy fields and climbs over the dramatic Hai Van Mountain pass. Enroute, visit the Cham Museum in Danang. Transfer to the hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Vinh Hung 2, Hoi An (2 nights)

Day 7: Hoi An: Take a half-day walking tour visiting ancient merchants' houses, a Hokkien temple, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, and the colourful riverside market. Afternoon drive to visit a workshop where artisans make Hoi An's famous lanterns where visitors have a chance to create their own lanterns. Finish the day with a sunset boat trip on the Thu Bon River to Thanh Ha pottery village. (B)

Day 8: Hoi An – Nha Trang: Morning transfer to Danang railway station for the day trip to Nha Trang. Enjoy stunning views of mountains, rice fields and ocean. Evening arrival in Nha Trang. Transfer to hotel. (B)

Accommodation: Que Huong Hotel, Nha Trang

Day 9: Nha Trang – Ho Chi Minh City by overnight train: Take a boat cruise to offshore islands in Nha Trang Bay. In the afternoon, visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers, the Long Son Pagoda, the Cathedral of Nha Trang and the Oceanographic Institute. In the evening, transfer to the railway station for the overnight train to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

Accommodation: Shared 4 berth cabin, on board train.



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Prices per person twin share

Departs	ex Mel/Syd	ex Bne/Adl
20 Jul - 16 Sep; 12 Oct - 20 Nov 2009	\$3110	\$3400
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Price Includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Australia to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to Australia on Vietnam Airlines.
- Accommodation, tours, transfers and meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Reunification Express Train from Hanoi to Hue and Danang to Nha Trang to Ho Chi Minh City in a shared 4 berth Cabin.
- Airport taxes. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

Note:

- Single prices available on application. Ask about our companion register.
- Airfares are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Prices subject to currency fluctuations and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- The Reunification Express is primarily a local train. Accommodation and facilities on the train are basic and are 4 people to a compartment.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City early morning. Transfer to the hotel. After breakfast, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon for a half-day city tour. Visit the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Chinatown, Binh Tay Market and Thien Hau Temple. (B)

Accommodation: Asian Ruby Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City (2 nights)

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City: Drive to Ben Tre. At Ben Tre, take a boat to Coconut Island then take a horse-drawn cart to Qui Son. Float on a sampan through the narrow, tree-lined canals of the Mekong Delta. Enjoy lunch at Qui Island. (B,L)

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City – Australia: Day at leisure. Late check out at 1800 and transfer to the airport for flight to Australia. (B)

Day 13: Arrive Australia



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