

Overall Vietnam Biking

13 days / 12 nights



Hanoi – Cuc Phuong – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc – Halong – Hue - Danang – Hoian – My Son – Nhatrang – Dalat – Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta

Feature: A great way to visit to all the must-to-see sights of Vietnam in a very different mode, passing numerous World Heritages, major river deltas, beaches and hill resorts within a reasonable duration.

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL (D)

Welcome to Vietnam!

The tour guide of THREELAND TRAVEL will welcome you at Noi Bai airport; it takes us 35 minutes driving to the centre of Hanoi to check-in hotel. Let's have an overall view of the capital by a "rickshaw" visit, which will start around the Old Quarter of Hanoi, stop at Ngoc Son Temple located on the Hoan Kiem Lake (the "Sword" Lake), and at Quan Thanh Taoist Temple. Dinner and overnight in Hanoi.

Optional: You can try your bikes today visiting all these sightseeing points.

DAY 2: HANOI - CUC PHUONG (B/L)

130km South of Hanoi, Cuc Phuong is a typical limestone area and rainforest with an impressive variety of animals and plants. Seriously and carefully reserved by Vietnamese government, Cuc Phuong maintains itself as home to some spectacular primates including gibbon, langur, macaque and some fantastic birds including red-collared woodpecker, limestone wren-babbler, fork-tailed sunbird and many others. Half-day cycling in the park under the umbrella of century-old trees to explore the forests and trails within the Park's karst ecosystem will give you unforgettable memories. Overnight at the Cuc Phuong Guesthouse.

DAY 3: CUC PHUONG - HOA LU - TAM COC – NINH BINH (B/L)

After breakfast, we will leave Cuc Phuong for a short ride to Hoa Lu ancient capital with old temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le reigned in 10th century. Have an outstanding discovery of the lowland and depression with 3-

hours cycling thru rural village, ricefields before having lunch in Tam Coc, then take a 2-hour boat trip round an area, where spectacular limestone karsts jut out from green paddy fields reminding about Guilin (China) and Halong Bay of Vietnam, which gives this scenery the name "Halong-bay-on-land". Late afternoon back to Ninh Binh for overnight.

DAY 4: NINH BINH – HALONG – OVERNIGHT ONBOARD (B/L/D)

After breakfast we leave Ninh Binh for Halong with stop at Haiphong seaport. Visit Du Hang pagoda, the centre of Buddhism in Haiphong and stroll around the centre of the city. On the way to Halong, we will discover "the Red River delta" which is in its best color and scent in the new-rice planted time in January, and in harvest crops in March, April and November. We arrive in Halong Bay, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994 and 2000, at noontime and check-in our overnight boat. Enjoy a trip on Halong with stops to visit caves or to swim and enjoy the sunset on the sea. Dinner with fresh seafood. Overnight on board.

DAY 5: HALONG – HANOI - HUE (B/L)

The Vietnamese call the "South China Sea" by a point-oriented name "Eastern Sea", so you may guess how miraculous it is seeing the sunrise over the islets of the Bay. The boat will take us to go about marvelous areas, where almost each islet has its own name, adopting its shape or reminiscent. We can stop to go swimming or visiting a beach before back to the Wharf. Have lunch on board before heading back to Hanoi Airport to take the late flight to Hue. Overnight in Hue.

Tour Code : VNB04

Connection : Easy to combine with Northwest Vietnam, South China and Cambodia

Itinerary in Brief:

DAY 01: HANOI ARRIVAL (D)
DAY 02: HANOI - CUC PHUONG (B/L)
DAY 03: CUC PHUONG - HOA LU - TAM COC – NINH BINH (B/L)
DAY 04: NINH BINH – HALONG – OVERNIGHT ONBOARD (B/L/D)
DAY 05: HALONG – HANOI - HUE (B/L)
DAY 06: HUE (B/L)
DAY 07: HUE - DANANG - HOIAN (B/L)
DAY 08: HOIAN – MY SON – HOI AN VILLAGES (B/L)
DAY 09: DANANG – NHA TRANG (B)
DAY 10: NHA TRANG – KHANH VINH - DALAT (B/L)
DAY 11: DALAT – SAIGON (B/L)
DAY 12: SAIGON – MEKONG CYCLING – SAIGON (B/L)
DAY 13: SAIGON DEPARTURE



DAY 6: HUE (B/L)

Being recognized by UNESCO as the 1st Cultural World Heritage for Vietnam, Hue is highlighted by the old royal architectural works and low-paced lifestyle. We will have a full-day easy cycling around with morning discover the charm of the city, including the Royal Citadel, Forbidden City, Hue Royal Museum and Dong Ba bustling market. After lunch in a Garden-housed restaurant, we will continue riding to visit the Tombs of King Minh Mang and Tu Duc – two best-reserved monuments of the Nguyen Emperors since early 19th and early 20th centuries. Overnight in Hue.

DAY 7: HUE - DANANG - HOIAN (B/L)

After breakfast and check-out hotel, we will depart to Thuan An beach where we start cycling along the countryside roads stretched in the peninsula between the sea and lagoons. After 3-4 hours cycling thru the fishing villages we will cross the river by local ferry, then take our support van to Lang Co, one of nicest beaches in Vietnam, where we could have fresh sea foods and cold beer. Enjoy our lunch or take a quick sunbath or swimming before taking an ascending ride to Hai Van- the Ocean Cloudy Mountain Pass, where we could have stunning wonderful panorama view of mountain and sea. Heading to Hoian by van for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: HOIAN – MY SON – HOI AN VILLAGES (B/L)

After breakfast, we will depart from Hoian to My Son, where we can discover the hidden treasure of the Cham culture that once brightly developed in the area of present Central Vietnam. Thanks to the beauty and secrets of building the Cham Towers hereby, My Son had been also designated by UNESCO as one of the five World Heritages in Vietnam. Cycle back to Hoian for lunch. Afternoon we will take the ferry over Thu Bon river to the isolated and remote villages on the other river bank. Just a kilometer from Hoian bustling town, we will discover a tranquil area with boat-making factories, bamboo bridges, local sampans and fishing villages. Pedal on small tracks thru ricefields to the rivergate where we take another ferry back to Cua Dai beach. Stop for relaxing time on the beach before return to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 9: DANANG – NHA TRANG, FREE AT LEISURE (B)

Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Nha Trang, one of the best beaches in the world. We will have the rest of the day at leisure with sunbath, swimming and seafood. Many beach activities available in Nha Trang, including

snorkeling, diving, parachuting, sailing to the islands and remote places. Overnight in Nha Trang.

DAY 10: NHA TRANG – KHANH VINH - DALAT (B/L)

The landway from Nha Trang to Dalat is very sight-worthy and photogenic with pinewoods, waterfalls, farms of tea and coffee, and the Picturesque Mountain Pass. Getting the elevation of 2,000m with 40km along a winding road, most cyclists must face the challenging by its extreme ascending. In response, the view is fantastic and we could taste the change from tropical to temperate zone. We stop in the middle of nowhere, in the pinewood for a picnic lunch before have bus transferred to Dalat - the jewel of Vietnam Central Highlands, featured by a park-like environment and lovely temperature 15°-24°C and sunlight all year round, which make the city a haunt of honeymoon couples. If time available, we will have short city tour or take a horse cart round the hilly roads of Dalat to its graceful Xuan Huong Lake. Overnight in Dalat.

DAY 11: DALAT – SAIGON (B/L)

Picked up to the airport for the flight from Da Lat to Saigon (SAIGON). After lunch, we will start the city tour at the Reunification Palace, the witness of the fierce Vietnam War ended in 1975. The grand building today is a Museum and Hall of official receptions. Nearby the Palace are the colonial-styled Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Our visits will end at the China Town, which makes SAIGON differ from other cities of Vietnam, with Thien Hau pagoda and Binh Tay market. Overnight in SAIGON.

DAY 12: SAIGON – MEKONG CYCLING – SAIGON (B/L)

After 2-hours departure from SAIGON, our day will begin with boat trip in Cai be floating market held on the river everyday for vendors' daily trading, especially of tropical fruits and local specialties. After lunch, we will take the ferry to Long Ho peninsula and start our 3-hour cycling with river matrix. We will pedal thru sleepy tranquil villages, with bamboo fences surrounding and fruit gardens. Take some stops for relaxing, try fresh fruits picked from the trees, coconut candies or tea. Return to Cai Be by boat, then take the bus back to Saigon.

DAY 13: SAIGON DEPARTURE (B)

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for your home flight.
End of services.