

## vietnam history tour



### ➤ About the tour

This is a sample tour geared towards secondary school age students studying the Vietnam War. The itinerary begins in Hanoi, takes in beautiful Ha Long Bay and the ancient capital of Hue before finishing in Ho Chi Minh City. The aim is two-fold: to help students understand the scope and consequences of the Vietnam War and to give them the opportunity to experience a different culture first-hand. A highlight is a visit to the AVVRG, a school for deaf and orphaned children, which will give your group the chance to interact with local students. As former teachers ourselves, we appreciate that you have your own itinerary ideas and we look forward to hearing them! During your tour, you will have 24-hour access to both our Vietnamese colleagues and our school group staff in Australia.

### ➤ Tour Inclusions

- Return economy flights and taxes
- Domestic flights and taxes in Vietnam
- Accommodation
- All transfers
- Half-board
- Guided sightseeing
- School group insurance
- 24-hour assistance during tour

### ➤ Tour Information

A representative of etm travel will meet your group at the airport and assist you with check-in. If individual students or teachers would like to extend their stay or organise different flight arrangements, we are happy to help. Accommodation is in clean, safe, centrally-located 3-4\* hotels accustomed to dealing with school groups.

### ➤ Complimentary

We offer the following:

- A Lonely Planet Vietnamese phrase book for each student
- A Lonely Planet Vietnam guide book for the tour leader
- Hosting of two information/documentation evenings at your school, if required
- Assistance at Melbourne airport upon departure

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## itinerary overview - vietnam history tour

### Day 1 Hanoi

Depart Australia for Hanoi. Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to your accommodation by private coach. Enjoy a city tour of Hanoi often called the "Paris of the Orient" because of its French colonial architecture. At the end of the day enjoy free time in the Old Quarter. *Overnight in Hanoi (D)*

### Day 2 Hanoi

This morning visit the gardens and Mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, and the Temple of Literature, founded in 1070 by Emperor Ly Thanh Tong. In the afternoon depart for Ha Long Bay. *Overnight in Ha Long Bay (B,D)*

### Day 3 Ha Long Bay

Enjoy a morning cruise in the bay which includes a visit of one of the many spectacular caves in the area. After lunch (on board), disembark and transfer to Hanoi. In the evening attend the world famous Water Puppet Evening Show at Thang Long National Puppetry Theatre. *Overnight in Hanoi (B,L,D)*

### Day 4 Hue

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for you flight to Hue. The old imperial capital of Vietnam has become a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and restoration work continues. Visit the Imperial City and the splendid royal tombs of the Nguyen Emperors. *First night in Hue (B,D)*

### Day 5 Quang Tri

Depart for Quang Tri. Upon the division of Vietnam in 1954 this province became part of the Republic of Vietnam. Visit Vinh Moc tunnels located on the border of North Vietnam and South Vietnam. In the afternoon visit the Khe Sanh American Military Base, the Dakrong Suspension Bridge and Ho Chi Minh Trail. *Second night in Hue (B,D)*

### Day 6 Hoi An

This morning travel to Hoi An via the famous Hai Van Pass into Da Nang. Da Nang is Vietnam's third largest city and marks the northern limits of Vietnam tropical zone. Visit China Beach and the Marble Mountain, which was the heartland of the Kingdom of Champa from the 2nd to the 10th century. Visit the Champa Museum. *First night in Hoi An (B,D)*

### Day 7 Hoi An

Travel to My Lai village and visit the site of the My Lai Massacre where hundreds of Vietnamese civilians perished. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Hoi An. You then have free time to explore the city further with your teachers leading the group. *Second night in Hoi An (B,D)*

### Day 8 Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City once called the "Pearl of the Far East". Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of the city including the Chinese Quarter of Cholon, the Presidential Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. The tour finishes at Ben Thanh market. *Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City (B,D)*

### Day 9 Vung Tau

This morning, explore part of Cu Chi tunnels, a network of tunnels over 250km long and learn how the Vietnamese guerrillas were organised. In the afternoon, enjoy free time at Vung Tau Beach. *Overnight in Vung Tau (B,D)*

### Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City

Travel to the Long Tan battlefields in Ba Ria – Vung Tau Province and visit the Memorial Cross which commemorates the Australian soldiers who lost their life during the war. You then visit the AVVRG School for deaf children and orphans, a project initiated and funded by Australian veterans. You will have a chance to interact with the children. Bring along school supplies or souvenirs to give the children. At the end of the day, transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. *Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city (B,D)*

### Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning visit a local school and spend time with your fellow Vietnamese students. Enjoy a free afternoon in Ho Chi Minh City. At the end of the day transfer to the airport for your flight home.

### Day 12

Arrive home to Australia.