



# ESSENCE OF VIETNAM AND SINGAPORE

Featuring - Halong Bay, Hanoi, Pu Luong, Saigon (Ho Chin Minh City), Singapore

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
7 Nights / 11 Days	15 People	Los Angeles	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$3,999.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$999.00

## OVERVIEW

Embark on a captivating journey through two of Southeast Asia’s most iconic destinations—**Vietnam and Singapore**. Start your journey in **Hanoi**, Vietnam’s charming capital, where ancient traditions meet colonial elegance. Explore bustling Old Quarter streets, visit the serene Hoan Kiem Lake, and immerse yourself in local culture. Next, cruise through the breathtaking beauty of **Halong Bay**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a luxurious overnight cruise amidst limestone islands, emerald waters, and hidden caves—an unforgettable natural experience. Fly south to **Ho Chi Minh City** (Saigon), Vietnam’s economic hub, where French colonial architecture, vibrant markets, and poignant war history tell the story of a country in transformation. Finally, travel to **Singapore**, a world-class city that blends modern innovation with multicultural heritage. Stroll through futuristic attractions like Gardens by the Bay and Marina Bay Sands, experience the flavors of hawker food, and explore neighborhoods like Chinatown, Little India, and Kampong Glam.

## ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Hanoi	Thang Long Opera Hotel	3 Nights
Halong Bay	Victory Cruise	1 Night
Saigon (Ho Chin Minh City)	Bay Hotel Ho Chi Minh	3 Nights
Singapore	Carlton City Hotel	2 Nights

## DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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## INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare in economy class ex- Los Angeles**
- ◆ Regional airfare in economy class from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City to Singapore
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharge and baggage fees
- ◆ 02 Nights in Hanoi in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ 01 Night onboard the Cruise in Halong Bay in TWN/DBL sharing basis
- ◆ 03 Nights in Ho Chi Minh City in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ 02 Nights in Singapore in TWN/DBL sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily Breakfast, room taxes, and service charges
- ◆ All meals while on board the cruise
- ◆ All sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Admissions to the attractions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ Services of English speaking guide during the sightseeing tours
- ◆ Transportation in a Deluxe Tourist Vehicle
- ◆ All taxes and surcharges
- ◆ All local applicable taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Visa fees and travel Insurance
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included

# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 Depart USA/CANADA [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Hanoi to start your unbelievable Essence of Vietnam and Singapore Journey.

## DAY 2 IN TRANSIT

## DAY 3 Hanoi Arrival [-/-/-]

Chao mung! Welcome to Vietnam and the captivating ancient capital, Hanoi. After landing in Hanoi, collect your luggage and head towards the arrival hall. Our team member will be there to greet you and help with your transportation to the hotel. (The standard check-in time is 3:00 pm.) Once you've checked in at the hotel, take a moment to unwind and rejuvenate. Depending on your arrival timing, seize the opportunity to leisurely explore the afternoon or evening at your own pace.

Overnight in Hanoi

## DAY 4 Hanoi - Half day Sightseeing [B/L/-]

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel. Embark on the first day of your journey with a guided tour of Hanoi. Depart from the hotel at 08:30 to explore Vietnam's oldest university, the Temple of Literature, established in 1076. Originally named Quoc Tu Giam, this institution was housed within a temple and aimed to educate the country's elite, including royalty and mandarins. Continue the tour with a stop at the renowned One Pillar Pagoda, among Vietnam's most iconic temples. Nearby lies the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, a pivotal figure in Vietnam's modern history, along with his modest stilt house. Please note that these sites are observed from the outside and are closed on Mondays and Fridays, as well as during October and November.

Conclude the morning with a visit to the scenic West Lake and the Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, dating back to the sixth century. Tran Quoc Pagoda holds the distinction of being Hanoi's oldest pagoda, with a history spanning over 1,500 years. Enjoy lunch at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant, followed by free

leisure time for the remainder of the day.

### **Add-on: Water Puppet Show including transfers - USD 20 Per person (minimum 2 travelers)**

The Hanoi Water Puppet Show is a unique and captivating traditional Vietnamese art form that dates back over a thousand years. Performed on a waist-deep pool of water, skilled puppeteers stand behind a screen and use long rods hidden beneath the water's surface to bring wooden puppets to life. The show combines storytelling, music, and vibrant puppetry to depict scenes of rural life, folklore, and historical legends, often accompanied by traditional Vietnamese instruments and singing. This enchanting performance offers visitors a rare glimpse into Vietnam's cultural heritage and is a must-see experience when visiting Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi

## DAY 5 Hanoi - Halong Bay [B/L/D]

If you want to experience how locals in Hanoi start their day, wake up early and head to a nearby lake to join the lively scene of hundreds of residents practicing morning exercises such as Tai Chi, jogging, martial arts, and traditional dance. After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for Halong Bay, which is about a three-and-a-half-hour drive away. Upon arriving at Halong City's pier around noon, you'll check in and board the boat, where a warm welcome awaits you. A delicious lunch will be served as the vessel sets sail across the bay. In the afternoon, you can explore the scenic surroundings, participate in activities arranged by the boat (depending on the itinerary), or simply relax on deck. As evening falls, the boat will anchor among the stunning karst formations for the night, and dinner will be served onboard.

## DAY 6 Halong Bay - Hanoi flight to Ho Chi Minh City [B/BR /- /-]

For those who wake up early, a remarkable sunrise over the karst formations of Halong Bay can be a memorable experience. Following this, breakfast will be served shortly. You can savor your breakfast (or brunch on certain boats) while the vessel gently navigates

through the stunning rock formations, heading back to the port.

Upon disembarking, our guide and driver will be ready to transport you to Hanoi for your departing flight. Once back on land, we will arrange for your transfer to catch a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. Upon check-in relax.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

#### DAY 7 Saigon -Cu Chi tunnels - Saigon city tour [B/L/-]

This morning, you'll embark on a 55-kilometer drive from Ho Chi Minh City to Cu Chi District, renowned for its remarkable network of underground tunnels. These tunnels extend for over 200 kilometers and consist of a central system with numerous interconnected branches leading to hideouts, shelters, and other subterranean passageways. For lunch, you'll have the opportunity to savor traditional noodles.

In the afternoon, you'll immerse yourself in the attractions of Ho Chi Minh City. This will include viewing examples of French colonial architecture and delving into Vietnam's tumultuous history at the Museum. Your guide will lead you to the most intriguing sights that Ho Chi Minh City has to offer.

You'll commence by departing from your hotel to the Reunification Palace, a beautifully preserved residence that once housed the President of the Republic of Vietnam. On April 30th, 1975, this iconic place marked the official end of the American War. Following that, you'll visit Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, which was constructed in 1880, and the Old Post Office, a stunning example of classical French colonial architecture built between 1886 and 1891.

Your final stop will be at a local market, where you can practice your bargaining skills while shopping for souvenirs and immerse yourself in the local way of life and culture. Here, you'll encounter some of the most friendly, vibrant, and hospitable people in the city. Following this eventful day, you'll return to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City and have free time for the remainder of the day.

**Add-on: Dinner Cruise on Saigon River : USD 95**

#### **Per person (minimum 2 travelers)**

A dinner cruise on the Saigon River offers a magical way to experience Ho Chi Minh City's vibrant skyline and bustling riverside life. As you glide along the calm waters, you'll enjoy panoramic views of iconic landmarks illuminated against the night sky. The elegant boat provides a cozy and romantic atmosphere, perfect for savoring a delicious Vietnamese or international meal prepared with fresh, local ingredients. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply unwinding after a day of sightseeing, the Saigon River dinner cruise is an unforgettable way to soak in the city's charm from a unique perspective.

#### DAY 8 Saigon -Mekong Delta - Saigon [B/L/-]

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Cai Be. The first stop is An Cu rice factory. From Cai Be tourist wharf, disembark to explore the floating rice market—the largest rice export hub in the Southwest—where you'll gain insight into the daily lives of local small businesses. Visit the historic village in Dong Hoa Hiep commune and the Cai Be floating market. After leaving the market, the boat will take you to Tan Phong Island to visit Hai Yen honey bee farm and its flower gardens. Here, you can explore flower and bee farms, Linh Chi mushroom cultivation, experience traditional fish dragging, walk across the Monkey Bridge, and learn about the world of beekeeping. Enjoy fresh honey tea and a briefing on bee-keeping processes. Next, visit Ms. Hang's house to tour her fruit garden and pick fresh fruits yourself. After bidding farewell, enjoy a musical exchange featuring traditional Southern Vietnamese music. Then, take a rowing boat ride to Mekong Ecolodge where you'll join a cooking session and have lunch. Following lunch, visit Ms. Hang's house again to watch the rice paper-making process, then proceed to an aunt's home to observe bamboo weaving with banana leaves. Continue cycling to Ms. 10's house to see house roofing techniques, and then to Ms. Thao's home to learn water hyacinth weaving, where you can create a handmade souvenir under her guidance. After saying goodbye to Ms. Thao, return to Mekong Ecolodge for rest before heading back to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

**DAY 9** Saigon - Singapore [B/-/-]

You have free time on your hands before your departure. Later this morning you will be transferred to airport in Ho Chi Minh City for your onward flight to Singapore.

Upon arrival in Singapore, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Enjoy your evening at your own pace in Singapore. Explore the city's vibrant nightlife, indulge in local cuisine, or simply unwind and take in the sights and sounds of this dynamic urban landscape

Overnight in Singapore

**DAY 10** Singapore - Sightseeing [B/-/-]

Today, relish in our breakfast spread. Immerse yourself in the essence of Singapore as you acquaint yourself with the renowned Civic District. Your expedition kicks off at Kampong Glam, a locale where the blend of modernity and tradition is beautifully embodied. This precinct bears a historical legacy tracing back to Singapore's colonial past, once designated for the Malay, Arab, and Bugis communities. Traverse the city by a scenic drive through the Civic District, meandering past the Padang, Singapore Cricket Club, the storied Parliament House, and the esteemed National Gallery Singapore. The gallery is a fusion of the former Supreme Court Building and City Hall. Subsequently, halt at Merlion Park and bask in the breathtaking panorama of Marina Bay. Seize this perfect moment for a snapshot alongside The Merlion, an enchanting creature that melds lion and fish attributes.

Pay a visit to Thian Hock Keng Temple, among the city's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, before cruising through Chinatown.

Your journey leads you to Singapore's inaugural UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Stroll through the National Orchid Garden within, which proudly showcases an extensive array of 60,000 orchid specimens.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure or to consider pre-booking one of our recommended additional experiences.

**Add-on : Singapore River Cruise - USD 25 Per person**

Experience the essence of Singapore's prominent landmarks through a unique bumboat river cruise. Delve into the city's captivating fusion of historical heritage and contemporary architecture as you glide past iconic monuments, quaysides, and graceful bridges. Embark upon your Singapore river expedition from the very spot where Sir Stamford Raffles first set foot in Singapore, along the northern banks of the Singapore River.

Uncover the striking contrast between the charming, aged architecture of the quays and the sleek skyscrapers gracing the central business district. Witness the meticulously restored shophouses lining the river's edge, now transformed into trendy dining and entertainment venues.

Unveil the splendor of Singapore's grand bridges, including the Cavenagh Bridge, Clemenceau Bridge, and Anderson Bridge. Immerse yourself in the rich historical significance of the Singapore River, pivotal to the city's advancement, by visiting key landmarks: the Merlion, Raffles Landing Site, and the renowned Esplanade.

**Add-on - Garden by the bay and MBS Observation ticket including transfers- USD 95 Per person**

Visit the Gardens by the Bay, an outstanding attraction in Singapore, and take a break from the bustling life of the city. Discover Bay South, Bay East, and Bay Central Gardens and surround yourself in a world of tranquility. Explore the winter gardens in all their glory. See the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Stroll to the newly-opened Sun Pavilion and marvel at the flora and fauna from all over the world that are housed in the gardens. On the way, discover the largest indoor waterfall and hike in the middle of Supertree Grove. Head up to the 57th floor and enjoy the unhindered panoramic view of Singapore's skyline. Marvel at vistas over the metropolis while standing high up in the clouds, taking photos and collecting unforgettable memories. See why the Sands SkyPark Observation Deck is a highlight not to be missed in Singapore.

Overnight in Singapore

## DAY 11 Singapore - Departure [B/-/-]

Your incredible adventure in Vietnam and Singapore comes to an end today. Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning. You will be transported to the airport for your return flight at the appropriate time.

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