



Vietnam Study Tours

11 days Vietnam Amazing Study Tours



Highlights

- Historic : Visit Hoa Lu Ancient Capital
- Relaxing : Overnight on Halong Bay Cruise
- Cultural : Water puppet theatre
- Outstanding : Real education and real traveling
- Thrilling : Riding basket boat!
- Rewarding : Being a microfinance investor for the poor in Vietnam

Overview

This 11 day program will provide a truly unique learning opportunity for students and researchers from all over the world. Participants will get to experience the best of greater Vietnam on an all-inclusive Study tour program! Taking you from the bustling Hanoi Old quarter to a relaxing cruise in Halong; from world class museums and culinary delights to temple-hopping at beautiful Ninh Binh province. Learning theories from our reliable, world class professors, and seeing its action in real life is truly amazing. It will be an unforgettable impression.



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OBJECTIVE

Students interact with local people for a mutual understanding about their traditional customs and culture. This tour provides students with an 11 day exploration-based program through selected parts of Vietnam. A packaged tours including lectures delivered by world-class experts together with field trips to selected parts of Vietnam are designed specifically to bring students meaningful experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime.



RATIONALE

Vietnam is the benchmark of a developing country with remarkable economic development along with cultural and natural diversities. MACDI creates and promotes study tour - an international studying model of incorporating theories and their applications through selected regions of Vietnam where natural beauty and cultural distinction have been well-known throughout the world.

Introduction

We are the benchmark in providing special interest groups, schools and universities with professional, academic, all-inclusive tours and guiding services focusing on learning about Vietnam's economic development process and microfinance activities besides touring the beautiful Vietnam. Through experiencing it first hand, students will have a better understanding and appreciation of Vietnam's economic achievements and cultural diversity. All tour programs are adaptively managed. Students are given seminar on economic development and microfinance sectors in Vietnam. Then students will visit development projects along with exploring cultural and beautiful spots of Vietnam.

For a peace of mind, we offer a satisfactory guarantee with all our services. And all itineraries are subject to customization.

**"LIFE IS A BOOK AND
THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL
READ ONLY THE FIRST PAGE"**





DAY 01: HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrival

Our car will pick you up at Noi Bai airport to escort you to a hotel in the center of Hanoi. Students will be given time to freshen up and relax after such a long journey. Overnight in hotel in Hanoi.

DAY 02: HANOI CITY TOUR

07:15

Students will be picked up at the hotel

07:30

Visit ***Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex***. The mausoleum is the last resting place of Ho Chi Minh - the greatest Vietnamese revolutionist. It is a symbol of gratitude and respect of Vietnamese people for president Ho Chi Minh. The Ho Chi Minh Museum is the preservation of all memorable relics about Ho Chi Minh.

An outstanding place situating inside the complex is ***One Pillar Pagoda*** which is lotus-shaped. The pagoda was first built in 1049 under the Ly dynasty. Its original name is Dien Huu, expressing the wish for longevity for the second Ly King.

09:15

Visit ***The Temple of Literature*** - Vietnam's first university which is not only a symbol of Confucianism but also an extremely significant cultural and historical vestige of Vietnam.

10:30

Visit ***Trần Quốc Pagoda*** (means National Founder) - a cultural symbol of Vietnamese Buddhism. As a religious relic with spectacular surrounding scenery, the pagoda is a favorite stop-over of so many foreign visitors and pilgrims. Visiting Tran Quoc pagoda can give visitors an insight in the religion life and culture of Vietnamese people



11:15 Visit **Vietnam Museum of Ethnology** - both a research centre and a public museum exhibiting the ethnic minorities of Vietnam. Almost no foreigner to Hanoi refuses to visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, where they can look into a vivid picture of the miniaturized Vietnamese ethnic community's life.

12:45 Enjoy lunch at Cha Ca La Vong, a century old Hanoi restaurant - famous for their grilled fish with turmeric.

13:45 Visit **Ngoc Son Temple** and learn more about Sword Lake's legend

15:00 Enjoy Hanoi's mixture of traditional and modern atmosphere on cyclos/electric bus for 1 hour. Hanoi Old Quarter of 36 streets will be attractive enough for you to spend your time

16:00 Day ends with **water puppet show** - the beauty of the unique Vietnam traditional at Thang Long Theatre. Traditional legends and historical tales are among the enchanting puppet plays performed at this popular theatre.

17:30 Come back your hotel and enjoy dinner

DAY 03+ DAY 04: WORKSHOPS

7:30 Have breakfast in hotel.

8:00 Pick you up at your hotel. Depart to Sunset Westlake hotel to attend the courses.

8:30 Workshop

12:00 Have lunch at restaurant of Sunset Westlake hotel.
From there, you can have lunch with the poetic view from West Lake

13:30 Workshop is continued after having lunch

17:00 Finish workshop , return to your hotel

19:00 Have dinner. Free to walk around Old Quarters; eat ice-cream in Trang Tien and Ngu Xa Pho - Spring Rolls. Free to explore but we are here to help so feel free to contact us.

DAY 05: HANOI- THUNG NAI, HOA BINH

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| 07:00 | Breakfast |
| 07:30 | Our bus and tour guide will pick you up at the appointed site for departure to Thung Nai - Hoa Binh |
| 09.30 | Arrive at Thung Nai Port, piers detour into reservoirs of Hoa Binh. |
| 10:30 | Get off the bus and check in home-stay at Coconut Island |
| 12:00 | Take a rest and have lunch with local specialties. |
| 14:00 | The boat driver will drop us to Thac Bo Grottoes with a great system of statues, including statues of Buddha Nhu Lai and Quanyin of over 20 meters high. You will continue to sweep the northern lake to Thac Bo Temple of the Muong & Dao People - the temple for indigenous people is the most sacred Lake area |
| 16:00 | Late afternoon, you can choose to get on a plastic boat or a basket boat to kayak around the island and contemplate the wonderful space and landscape of Thung Nai. Another good option is to go swimming under the stream of island – a romantic and pure place of Thung Nai. |
| 18:00 | Return to home-stay |
| 19:00 | Have dinner with your group |
| 19:30 | After dinner, you are free to relax and roam around the island or take a boat to the middle of the lake for sightseeing, fire camping, dancing and drinking the tube wine. |

Overnight in Stilt House of Thung Nai Resort.



DAY 06: THUNG NAI- TAN LAC DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE

07:00 After breakfast, Students will be picked up for departure to Tan Lac District – Hoa Binh province

10:00 Arrive in Tan Lac District

10:45 Visit Mrs Phuong's house – the director of Vong Ngan cooperative. Mrs Phuong is significant microfinance entrepreneur not only in Vietnam but also in Asia. Students will have chances to listen to her successful stories about micro credit and how business development support services have contributed to local's lives.

12:00 Having lunch and rest

13:30 Visit factory / job training class of Vong Ngan cooperative to see Vietnam's traditional looms – which has helped poor women have jobs and reduce poverty.

15:30 Visit Mrs. Chem's house - one of the recipients supported by MFCDI's microcredit - to listen to her story and understand how microfinance changed her life.

17:00 Visit another poor household without accessing microfinance for more reference.

19:00 Have dinner with local people.

19:30 Enjoy tube wine, while participating traditional dancing until the late night with the local residential.

21:30 Go back to Hoa Binh city to stay in the hotel.



DAY 07: HOA BINH- NINH BINH

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| 06:00 | Have breakfast and check-out |
| 06:30 | Students are picked up at hotel and transferred to Ninh Binh |
| 09:45 | Reach Trang An tourist attraction. Students will take the basket boat trip to visit Trang An's cave complex, and to see the scenery of mountain and rivers. This region holds one of the largest cave complexes in the Vietnam. |
| 11:30 | <p>Arrive at Hoa Lu Ancient Capital</p> <p>Hoa Lu, the capital of Dai Co Viet (an ancient name of Vietnam) under the Dinh and Le dynasties bears with it a legend. Being the capital of the first fundamental Government of Vietnam, Hoa Lu witnessed many important historical events: the union of Vietnam after "12 Lords Rebellion", the war with the Tong dynasty, the defense against ancient Cambodia, and the formation of Hanoi nowadays,</p> |
| 11:45 | <p>Visit the King Dinh and King Le temples - The places for worshipping Emperors of Dinh and Le Dynasties.</p> <p>The Temples were built in the shape of a Chinese character. Through the first entrance called Ngo Mon, there is a stone royal bed with Nghe (imaginary animals of the old times) standing on both sides. Especially, inside the King Dinh temple is Khai Thanh in worship of Emperor Dinh's parents.</p> |
| 12:30 | Have lunch at a local restaurant with local special dishes. |
| 13:30 | Arrive at Buddha Prayer place in Bai Dinh Pagoda , the biggest pagoda in Vietnam with 500 La Han statues and the biggest gold-plated copper Buddha statue in South-East Asia and in Vietnam, measuring 10 meters in height, 100 tons in weight. |
| 15:00 | Visit Mr. Thoa's farm, and learning how to farm Vietnamese style and go fishing for your dinner and grill your own fishes. |
| 19: 30 | Have "catch-it yourself" dinner. |



DAY 08: NINH BINH- HA NOI

07:00 Have breakfast at hotel

08:00 SEMINAR

Work with Board of management of **sanitation project and microfinance project of World Bank** in cooperation with Ninh Binh governmental entities and listen to their seminar to understand these development projects in Vietnam.

12:00 Have lunch at local restaurant

13:30 Depart to visit project's sites like water factory of Thượng Hà, Tâm Lạc communes.

- 15:00
- ✓ Talk with Women Union about the microfinance, revolving funds in helping the poor. You will have the chance to understand and experience microfinance in its most practicality, because the way the Women Union's Microfinance work is truly admirable.
 - ✓ Interview the residence that was influenced and benefited from these projects that you visited.
 - ✓ You will have the chance to see the true impacts of the project on the life of many poor farmers in Vietnam. You will get the feeling of its importance through your own eyes, because with the project hundred thousands of poor farmers are getting healthy clean water.

17:00 Return journey to hotel in Hanoi

19:00 Arrive in Hanoi

19:45 Have Dinner. Free time in the evening. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi



DAY 09: HANOI- HA LONG BAY

07:00	Breakfast at hotel in Hanoi
07:45	Pick up at your hotel and depart to Ha long Bay.
12:00	Arrive at Ha Long City
12:45	Transfer to cruise ship
13:00	Board our stuff while having soft welcome drink check-in
13:30	Have lunch on the boat where you will be satisfied with many kinds of seafood.
14:00	Cruise towards <i>Bai Tu Long Bay</i> for pristine scenery. Especially, you will be cruised to explore the mystery of <i>Sung Sot Cave</i> (the cave of Surprise), kayaking before having dinner in the romantic sunset.
18:00	Get free time, enjoy fresh seafood dinner and you can take part in cuttlefish contest and enjoy fresh cuttlefish
19:00	Join some activities organized on boat like cutter fishing, drinking, dancing, karaoke...
Night	<i>Spend a quiet night on the boat</i> in a cabin suite. You will have unforgettable feelings when staying on the upstairs of the boat, seeing the marvel of sea at night, making friends with many people from the neighbor boats...etc.



DAY 10 : HALONG - HANOI

06:00 If you like enjoying Ha Long Bay's sunrise, please get up early before 6:00 am to enjoy all of its glory and the freshness of the sea.

07:00 Have coffee and a tasty breakfast.

08:00 Take a cruise to Titop beach for swimming and climbing the top of mountain for a spectacular view from the bay.

Cruise through the emerald water between the limestone outcrops and long corridors. En route, you have chances to sightsee many beauty spots of the world natural heritage including Fighting Cock islet, Incense Burner islet, Finger island, Toad islet, dog islet, Dragon, Horse Neck, Buffalo Head islet and many other strange shape islands.

10:30 Have lunch on the boat

11:30 Take boat trip back to Halong harbour

12:30 Road trip back to Hanoi with stop-over at Hai Duong

17:30 Arrive at Hanoi

19:00 Time for Dinner

Free evening in Hanoi

DAY 11: HANOI

7:30 Have breakfast

Transfer to Noi Bai Airport.

Finish the Vietnam travel package in 11 days 10 nights. See you again next trip!

Total Price: \$1600

Price included

- Hotel accommodation based on twin or triple share with daily breakfast (including services charges, room taxes and baggage handling)
- Travel insurance for the tour in Vietnam
- 2 day workshops (material, facilitator fee)
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Drinking water on the whole trip
- All transfers and transportation
- English- speaking guide (*other languages are available upon request*).
- Entrance fees to sightseeing places

Price excluded

- Optional tours
- Tips for tour guide, driver
- Travel insurance outside Vietnam
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, emergency transfers & etc...
- Visa fee.
- International airfare to/ from Vietnam & International airport tax in Vietnam
- Others which are not mentioned in the inclusion.

Remark

- Rates are subjected to change with prior notice.
- Itinerary is subject to change depending on flights, road condition and room availability
- As indicated: A/C= Air-conditioning, O/N= Overnight, B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Have a good trip!