

ULTIMATE VIETNAM

8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

EXPERIENTIAL JOURNEYS BY EXOTIC EXPEDITIONS



HANOI

DANANG

HALONG BAY

HOI AN

HO CHI MINH CITY

MEKONG DELTA

APRIL 4 - APRIL 12

OVERVIEW

Vietnam is an assault on the senses. Life in its feverish cities is conducted largely on the streets, among chattering bia hois (pavement pubs) and steaming pho (noodle soup) stands. The country's two main cities – Hanoi in the north, Ho Chi Minh in the south – are different in many ways, but they share an intoxicating energy. Ancient pagodas and colonial houses jostle for space with new-build skyscrapers, while labyrinthine back-alleys hum with life. These narrow streets are atmospheric places to spend time, day or night.

Explore Vietnam on this journey that takes you from North to South. Start with the colonial elegance and charm of Vietnam's atmospheric capital – Hanoi, cruise the natural wonderland of Halong Bay and see hundreds of limestone karsts that rise dramatically from the emerald waters of this beautiful bay, wander the ancient streets of tranquil Hoi An, bask on the beaches of Hoi An and Danang, explore the beautiful water-world and landscape of the Mekong delta and finish off in the fast pace and bustle of modern day Saigon. Experience Vietnam's beautiful landscapes, delicious cuisine and the renowned friendliness of the Vietnamese people on this 9 day journey that takes you from north to south.



ESSENTIAL INFO

Cost: Rs 69500/- per person

Country: Vietnam

Start: Hanoi

End: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Start Date: 4th April' 2026

End Date: 12th April' 2026

Duration: 9 Days

Group Size : Min 5 / Max 15

Theme: Culture, Adventure, Experience



HIGHLIGHTS



Be mesmerized by the wonders of Halong Bay



Visit the different historical sights of Hanoi



Explore the beautiful town of Hoi An and its surroundings



Visit Bana Hills and the Golden hands for instagram pics



Visit Cu Chi tunnels and know about the Vietnam War



Explore the waterways and villages of the Mekong Delta



Day 1 : April 4

HANOI ARRIVAL - WALKING TOUR

Arrive in Hanoi: Vietnam's bustling colonial capital and transfer to hotel. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes, and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone.

Check in at 2 p.m.

After lunch takes a **guided 3-hour walking tour of the charming Old Quarters** – the soul of Hanoi and Hoan Kiem Lake area. On our stroll through hidden alleyways and bustling markets of Hanoi's charming old quarter we wander past small shops, street food stalls and quiet residential lanes where you can observe local life that has changed little since Hanoi was founded over 1000 years ago. The evening we walk around **Hoan Kiem Lake and visit the Ngoc Son Temple** along the lake. Later in the evening we go on a **food exploration journey** and sample delicious Vietnamese cuisine just like the locals do — on the street.

Overnight at Hanoi.



Day 2 : April 5

HANOI - HALONG BAY DAY TOUR

After an early breakfast, we leave for **Halong Bay around 8 a.m.**

On the way to Halong city enjoy the journey through the farmlands of the Red River Delta and the scenery of rice fields, water buffaloes, and everyday Vietnamese village life.

Around 12.30 Bai Cháy Pier and board the cruise boat. Take photos of the stunning scenery. Enjoy seafood lunch while cruising through the emerald water between the limestone outcrops and long corridors, passing by Dog Stone, Chicken Stone, and the Burning Incense Islet.

Stop at Fishing Village for Kayaking(optional). Visit Thien Cung – the cave of the heavenly palace, famous for its stalagmites and stalactites, and Dau Go Cave. Keep cruising around islands of Ha Long Bay.

Return to the harbor by 6 p.m.to get on the bus back to Ha Noi.

Overnight at Hanoi.



Day 3 : April 6

HANOI GUIDED CITY TOUR

After breakfast, we head out on a **half day city tour of Hanoi.**

We visit the **Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, Temple of Literature & National University, Hoa Lo Prison, Ho Chi Min Mausoleum and French Quarter.**

After half day of sightseeing back to the old quarters area for lunch.

Evening free or optionally you could visit the Thang Long Water Puppet Theater. It is an exploration of the historical traditions and culture of Hanoi. The show gives you an insight into a musical aspect of their culture, performed live with a small band.

Overnight at Hanoi.



Day 4 : April 7

HANOI - DA NANG : FLIGHT HOI AN STAY

After breakfast **drive to the airport to catch the flight to Da Nang.**

Arrive at Da Nang and **transfer to hotel in Hoi An.**

After lunch, we go on a walking tour of Hoi An Ancient Town. Hoi An's ancient core is a rich architectural fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences dating back to the sixteenth century.

We visit the **central market** to see the local vendors selling fresh meat, seafood, fruits, vegetables, and other food items. Next stop The **Old House of Tan Ky and Phun Hung and Quan Cong Chinese Temple**. Later walk the narrow streets comprising wooden-fronted houses topped with moss-covered tiles and plenty of shops, art galleries, tailor shops, and restaurants.

As night falls the town is glimmering with silk lanterns, the light reflecting in the waters of the Thu Bon River. Explore the riverside and night market.

Overnight at Hoi An.



Day 5 : April 8

HOI AN - DANANG - BANA HILLS GOLDEN HANDS BRIDGE

Today people can choose from two options.

1) Join a group tour to Bana Hills to see the Golden hands bridge and take photos on the hand bridge and explore Bana Hills.

or

2) Explore Hoi and surroundings on a scooty. We take scooties and visit Pottery village, Da Nang city and Beach, Marble Mountains and An Bang Beach. Late afternoon to evening back to Hoi An.

Overnight at Hoi An.



Day 6 : April 9

CHAM ISLAND TOUR

Today is the day for some water activities and **sea adventures at Cham Islands.**

Lying 18 km offshore from Hoi An, the Cham Islands feature beautiful seascapes and landscapes and is the perfect spot for a day trip with snorkeling.

After breakfast, we reach the Cua Dai harbor for a 30-minute speedboat ride into the sea to reach Cham Islands. We arrive at Lang village and the tour guide will help us understand more about Cham island with its history. **Visit the Marine Protected Area, the boat shelter, Hai Tang pagoda, traditional fishing village, and the local market** then go swimming and snorkeling before lunch.

After lunch get on board the boat at 14:00 for the ride back to Cua Dai beach harbor. We spend the afternoon at the beautiful Cua Dai beach taking walks or just relaxing. Evening head back to town.

Overnight at Hoi An.



Day 7 : April 10

DA NANG - HCMC : FLIGHT CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Arrive breakfast drive to Da Nang to catch the **flight to Saigon**.

Arrive in Saigon and visit the Cu Chi tunnels before transfer to the hotel.

The Cu Chi Tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City are an extensive underground network used during the Vietnam War, showcasing Vietnamese resilience, ingenuity, and offering visitors a glimpse into wartime survival strategies. Get a **guided tour of Cu Chi tunnels** before heading downtown to our hotel.

In the evening we explore Ben Thanh market and District one for the many shopping and food options.

Overnight at Saigon.



Day 8 : April 11

MEKONG DELTA TOUR

After breakfast, **depart around 8 a.m. for a full-day excursion to the Mekong Delta**, known as Vietnam's "rice bowl."

Drive to My Tho and continue by wooden motorboat to **Unicorn Island**, cruising past quiet villages, stilt houses, and local river life. **Visit a bee farm** to enjoy honey tea and **traditional Southern folk music**, then stop at a **coconut workshop** to see how candies and handicrafts are made. Taste fresh tropical fruits before a peaceful **canoe ride through palm-lined canals**.

Enjoy lunch at a local village restaurant, followed by a short boat ride back to the mainland.

Return to Saigon by about 6 p.m.

Overnight at Saigon.



Day 9 : April 12

**HO CHI MINH CITY
DEPARTURE**

This day marks the end of our Vietnam adventure. Go back with beautiful memories, stories and new friendships that you have made on the journey.

You will be dropped to the airport as per your individual flight timings.



HANOI | Elegance Premium Hotel

HOI AN | The Muse House

HO CHI MINH CITY | Rang Dong Hotel

*** OR SIMILAR**

HOTELS

what people say about us

←  **shruthi venkatesh**
Local Guide · 18 reviews

★★★★★ a year ago

Arunachal Pradesh, November 2024. I travelled to Arunachal Pradesh with Santhosh aka Exotic Expedition. One of the best trips filled with exhilarating and fascinating experiences. I usually travel solo and this was my first organized tour experience. Now I would like to explore many such possibilities. EE not covers all the important and famous sites but ensures that you experience the local culture and cuisine. You get to stay in some amazing homes stays and heritage homes. Each day is exciting and the flexibility element makes it more special. The stay, food and the evenings spent with fellow travellers makes the tour memorable and incredible. Each day is well planned and

 **XO**
2 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ 2 years ago

3 trips with them ... Meghalaya, Vietnam & recently Nagaland ! Each one simple , perfect & memorable. It's about an experience of the lifestyle and culture which is perfectly curated ... [More](#)



100% recommend (82 reviews) ⓘ

 **Divya Mehta Suri** recommends **Exotic Expeditions.**
29 Jun 2024 · 🌐

Two things aptly define Exotic Expedition - affordable and safe

I did four trips with Santosh so far-Nagaland, Leh Ladakh, Vietnam and Cambodia Nagaland was on my list for a long time but due to its remote location I was hesitant to attempt it. But he made it memorable for us by adding the interior, non touristy and unexplored locations along with the World famous Hornbill festival in the itinerary.... See more

 **Tarini Mukherji** recommends **Exotic Expeditions.**
18 Dec 2023 · 🌐

I recently embarked on a mesmerizing journey with exotic expeditions to Nagaland, and it was an adventure like no other. The tour seamlessly blended cultural immersion with breathtaking landscapes, offering an authentic glimpse into Nagaland's rich heritage. Santosh navigated us through vibrant local markets, where we indulged in delicious Naga cuisine and interacted with warm, welcoming locals. The highlight was the Hornbill Festival, a kaleidoscope of traditional dances, indigenous crafts, and the vibrant N... See more

←  **Sandhya Pulaskar**
Local Guide · 40 reviews · 63 photos

★★★★★ a year ago

We booked our Bali trip for 10 days with Exotic Expeditions. The service and itinerary was designed as per our needs. Hotels and cab was booked by Santosh. The hotels were good, close to the beautiful landscapes, In Ubud, he booked a stay in between rice fields, in Amed, we had a beach front place. Loved all the stays! The itinerary was off beat and covered some of the best locations. We could not have discovered these hidden gems had we not chosen Exotic Expeditions. Thanks for making our Bali trip and the overall experience memorable! Looking forward to visit Ladhak with you guys

←  **Devesh Arora**
Local Guide · 22 reviews

★★★★★ 6 years ago

First things first, I love solo travelling! I never thought that group travelling can be as much fun as travelling by yourself, I was wrong. First time I traveled with Exotic Expeditions was in late 2016 (to Bhutan), since then I have done 6-7 trips (Bali, Andaman, Vietnam, Cambodia, North-East, Sri Lanka) with Santosh (Yes, he is the guy), and every trip has been an Experience! The places Santosh try to cover in his trips you will not find with any other tour company/guide. If I can try to sum-up travelling with E-E in one line, Exotic Expeditions is for real travelers, and may be for some tourists also, only if you know the difference ;) Cheers - Devesh

←  **Jaclyn Desouza**
Local Guide · 15 reviews · 10 photos

★★★★★ a day ago **New**

I had an absolutely fantastic experience travelling with Exotic Expeditions to Western Arunachal, Nagaland, Uzbekistan and Bali. If you're someone who prefers meaningful, offbeat journeys over crowded tourist checklists, Exotic Expeditions truly delivers.

What stood out for me the most was how thoughtfully the itinerary was designed – unique locations, authentic local experiences, and hidden gems I would never have discovered on my own. Every detail from Home-stays in the north east to scenic routes in Bali to interactions with local communities in Uzbekistan made the trips feel personal and

 **Vijay Pravin Iyer**
Local Guide · 6 reviews · 26 photos

★★★★★ Edited 7 months ago

Santosh Nair's remarkable endeavor in orchestrating the exotic Nagaland expedition deserves the greatest encomium. Exploring the resplendent locales and immersing ourselves in the vibrant cultural milieu has been nothing short of ... [More](#)






COST - Rs 69500/- per person

INCLUSIONS

- 3 Night stay in Hanoi, 3 Nights stay in Hoi An, 2 Nights stay in Ho Chi Minh City
- Breakfast on all days & 3 Lunches
- E - Visa
- Hanoi to Da Nang & Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City flight tickets
- Airport transfer's at Hanoi, Hoi An & Ho Chi Minh City
- Half day guided walking tour of Hanoi Old Quarters
- Hanoi City tour in Private Vehicle
- Cu Chi Tunnels tour : Private Vehicle
- Halong Bay day tour : Group Tour
- Mekong Delta day tour : Group Tour
- Cham Island day trip and snorkeling tour: Group Tour
- Hoi An walking tour
- Hoi An village exploration motorbike tour
- Service charges

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- India to Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh City to India flight tickets (we can advise you which flights to book)
- Day 5 activities : Scooter hire charges in Hoi An OR Bana Hills Day Tour
- Any extra excursions and tours other than mentioned
- Entry tickets and camera charges at sightseeing points (wherever applicable)
- Dinner & Lunch (Lunch is included on 3 days)



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