

Vietnam SAPA Highlights!



Group Departure*: March 6, 2010

14 days / 12 nights

From **CAD 4599.00**

Single Supplement: \$1499

Surcharge for private 2-berth deluxe cabin on Victoria Train return: \$199 p.p.

Per person twin share from Vancouver plus tax, fuel, gratuity, visa & personal expenses



Tour Highlights:

*Fully escorted if group size is more than 15 people!

See the capital of Vietnam – Hanoi and visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (from outside)

Visit World Heritage Halong Bay to see over 1000 limestone islets in the ocean

Enjoy the LUXURY! Take deluxe Victoria overnight train from Hanoi to Sapa

Visit Sapa! Border of China. Famous for minority groups, rice terrace and natural beauty

Shop in Coc Ly tribal market – excellent for photo opportunity

Visit Hoi An – Heritage Cultural site: stroll through small roads and enjoy the romantic sunset

Stay at Victoria Phan Thiet Resort (beach front property) bungalow type room with outdoor shower

Walk bare foot on mud to see Red Canyon in Phan Thiet

Enjoy sunrise at sand dunes in Mui Ne

Walk through world famous Cu Chi Tunnels that was built in 1970s' Vietnam War

Mekong Delta to enjoy fresh seasonal fruit and take sampan to sail through small canals

Farewell dinner on a cruise to enjoy Vietnamese orchestra's music with welcome cocktail reception

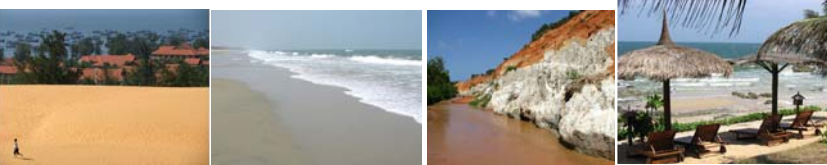
Package includes:

- Return economy class air ticket from Vancouver to Hanoi and back from Ho Chi Minh City with Cathay Pacific
- 12 nights 4 & 5 stars accommodation twin share with daily breakfast and meals specified
- Overnight train ticket from Hanoi/Sapa and domestic ticket from Hanoi/Da Nang/Saigon
- Transfers and sightseeing tours specified with English speaking guide and admission/boat fees/cyclo fees

Package Price Excludes:

- Gratuity, visa fee (CAD 100), tax, and fuel surcharge
- All personal expenses





Day 1 Leave Vancouver via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific.

Day 2 Arrive Hanoi. Transfer to Melia Hanoi Hotel or similar. Water Puppetry show and welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 Hanoi – Halong Bay (BL)

Half day Hanoi city tour – Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum from outside, Ho Chi Minh's residence, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, and explore Old Quarter during 1-hour cyclo ride. Afternoon transfer to Halong Bay.

Overnight at Novotel Halong Bay Hotel or similar.

Day 4 Halong Bay – Hanoi (BLD)

Picturesque Halong Bay has more than 1500 limestone islets rising from the sea, many of them containing beautiful grottoes. Enjoy a relaxing 4-hour boat trip through Halong Bay, fresh seafood lunch is prepared and served on board. Back to Hanoi. Dinner enroute and transfer to Hanoi train station. Overnight Victoria train trip to Lao Cai in shared sleeping compartments (sharing 2 lower & 2 upper berths per compartment). Train departs at approx. 21:15.

Day 5 Lao Cai – Coc Ly – Sapa (BLD)

Arrive Lao Cai around 630am and breakfast at local restaurant. Depart for Coc Ly tribal market which offers the chances to see H'mong and Dzao minority people in their most colorful costumes. Take a boat trip down stream on Chay River with picnic lunch. Enjoy scenic view from the river and trek to visit villages of Dzao and Tay minorities on the way. Disembark and drive back to Sapa. Overnight in Sapa Victoria or similar.

Day 6 Sapa – Ham Rong – Ta Phin – Lao Cai - Hanoi (BL)

Short trek to visit its mystic rock formations (Ham Rong Mountain), rare orchids and flowers. You might have opportunity to enjoy the minority show performed by the young minority ladies and men, you also have opportunity to overview the whole picture of Sapa town in the clear day as well as visit the so-called "stone forest" here. Trekking back to Sapa. Lunch at local restaurant then a 6-km drive to Ta Phin Village. Lying in a hillside meadow, it is home to Red Dzao and Hmong people. Late afternoon, drive back to Lao Cai train station. Overnight train trip back to Hanoi.

Day 7 Hanoi – Hoi An (BL)

Overnight train arrives and transfers for flight to Danang. Once arrive, transfer to Hoi An. Explore Hoi An Ancient town. A short boat trip across the river brings you to the boat builder's yard and woodcarvers as well as pottery and brick making village, known to early Western merchants, Hoi An was one of the major trading centers of Southeast Asia in the 16th century. Hoi An has a distinctive Chinese atmosphere with low, tiled-roof houses and narrow streets; the original structure of some of these streets is still virtually intact. Many of the houses were constructed of rare timbers and decorated with lacquer panels engraved with Chinese characters and pillars carved with ornamental designs. During a leisurely discovery tour on foot you will visit some of the historic merchant and community houses. Places of worship and famous bridges. Overnight at Hoi An Riverside Resort or similar.

Day 8 Hoi An(B)

Free time for leisure.

Day 9 Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City – Phan Thiet (BL)

Morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to Phan Thiet after lunch.

Overnight at Victoria Phan Thiet or similar.

Day 10 Phan Thiet (BL)

Before sunrise pick up with jeep to drive along streets, slopes and kilometers of sand beach, where you will see sunrise. Pass a beautiful lake with hundreds of lotus flowers and finally reach the desert like landscape at the huge sand dunes of Mui Ne. On the way back, a photo stop at the "red canyon".

Afternoon free.

Day 11 Phan Thiet – Ho Chi Minh(B)

Morning free until transfer back to Ho Chi Minh. Overnight at Majestic Saigon Hotel or similar.

Day 12 Ho Chi Minh – Ben Tre – Ho Chi Minh City(BL)

Coach trip to My Tho. Visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda enroute and stop by the bank of Tien Giang River. Take a boat trip on Mekong River to Phoenix Island, where local handicrafts and sweets from coconut are being produced. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruits and traditional live music and songs performance. Take a short ride on a horse carriage to a typical local house to taste some homemade honey-tea. Proceed by small sampan boats through the small canals and side arms of the river to observe the daily life along the river banks with a stop and short leisurely walk at the Turtle Island. Lunch at local restaurant before drive back to Ho Chi Minh.

Day 13 Ho Chi Minh (BLD)

Full day tour in Ho Chi Minh City including Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, War Museum, China Town, Thien Hau Pagoda, Ben Thanh Market and Cu Chi Tunnel. Farewell dinner on a cruise with welcome cocktail reception and Vietnamese music.

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh(B)

Transfer to airport for flight back to home.



Photo courtesy: Mavis Lau

Add-On fares from other Canadian cities:

Victoria / Kelowna / Kamloops	C\$130 + 65
Calgary / Edmonton	C\$190 + 75
Regina / Saskatoon / Winnipeg	C\$325 + 130
Toronto (via Toronto)	C\$220
Ottawa / Montreal / Quebec (via Toronto)	C\$315 + 100
Quebec (via Toronto)	C\$475 + 90
Halifax / St. John (via Toronto)	C\$550 + 90

Package price is based on **minimum 10** people traveling. Prices and schedules are subject to change without prior notice. Deviation /amendment Fee will be applied. Please contact Silk Holidays for details. **For responsibility, booking terms & conditions. Please ask your booking agent for a copy of "Silk Holidays – General Booking Terms & Conditions".**



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