

TRAIN : **Sjourney Luxury Train**
JOURNEY : **From Ho Chi Minh**
Journey Duration : **Upto 8 Days**

DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh Welcome on Board

Welcome to Saigon (aka. Ho Chi Minh City)

As the afternoon softens in Saigon, a sense of anticipation fills the air. Your luxurious rail adventure begins with a seamless pick-up from your hotel by our attentive guide and driver at around 04:30 PM. Upon your arrival at the train station, you will be warmly welcomed and escorted to the VIP lounge. Feel any pre-travel jitters melt away as they effortlessly assist you with check-in, ensuring your smooth transition into the world of luxury rail travel.

Take a moment to settle into your surroundings, admiring the exquisite details and allow yourself to unwind, preparing for an unforgettable welcome celebration.

An Evening of Anticipation and Elegance

As dusk approaches, at around 06:00 PM, don your finest attire and join fellow travelers in the opulent restaurant.

Engage in lively conversation over refreshments, and the gentle sound of clinking glasses provides a delightful soundtrack. As the evening progresses, indulge in a sumptuous dinner crafted to tantalize your taste buds. Each course reveals culinary artistry, seamlessly paired with fine wines or expertly mixed cocktails.

With spirits high and anticipation mounting, the train begins its gentle departure from Saigon. The rhythmic motion of the train lulls you into a sense of peaceful relaxation.

Allow the anticipation of the adventures that await in Phan Thiet to carry you into a restorative night's sleep aboard your luxurious train.

DAY 2 PHAN THIET

The morning unfolds the journey to tranquil Ta Cu Mountain, a revered spiritual site in Binh Thuan. In the 18th century, under the reign of King Tu Duc, the mountain became a prominent pilgrimage site for Vietnamese Buddhists. Reach the summit, you will discover the architectural marvel of Linh Son Truong Tho Pagoda, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city.

Continue your exploration of Phan Thiet with a unique immersion into the heart of its culinary traditions. At 10:00 AM, step into the fascinating Fish Sauce Museum, where this essential Vietnamese condiment's pungent yet captivating aroma fills the air.

Unravel the centuries-old production methods and the profound cultural significance of fish sauce. Learn about its role in shaping Vietnamese cuisine and understand why it's considered the soul of countless dishes.

At around noon, savor the flavors you've just discovered during a leisurely lunch at an oceanfront restaurant. Delight in a selection of local specialties where the distinct taste of the sea shines through, expertly paired with fresh ingredients and regional culinary flair.

Afternoon: Coastal Wonder

After the lunch, journey towards Phan Thiet and behold the captivating White Sand Dunes. This unexpected desert-like landscape offers endless photo opportunities. Ascend the dunes for breathtaking views of the surrounding coastline or opt for a thrilling sandboarding or quad-biking adventure.

Evening: Onward Journey with Culinary Delights

As the sun begins to set, return to the comfort of your luxurious train. Freshen up in the privacy of your cabin as the landscape transforms outside your window. Indulge in an exquisite onboard dinner featuring both Vietnamese and international culinary creations, a delightful prelude to your arrival in Nha Trang.

DAY 3 NHA TRANG

Morning: A Cruise Through Paradise

Begin your Nha Trang sojourn with an air of exclusivity and refinement. At 8:30 AM, step aboard the elegant Emperor Cruise, where a chilled welcome drink and the soothing melodies of classical guitar and violin set the tone for the day ahead.

As the cruise glides through the turquoise waters of Nha Trang Bay, marvel at the picturesque limestone islands dotting the horizon. The gentle sea breeze carries the sounds of nature, transporting you to a state of peaceful tranquility.

Between 9:15 and 9:45 AM, a fascinating detour brings you to a traditional fishing village. Experience the local way of life firsthand as you embark on a charming basket boat ride, expertly navigated by a villager. Observe a fish farm up close, gaining insights into the region's vital aquaculture industry.

From 10:00 AM, the cruise delivers you to the unspoiled shores of Sỏi Beach. Here, pristine white sand and crystal-clear waters beckon you to immerse yourself in leisure. Swim in the inviting sea, try your hand at kayaking, or marvel at the colorful underwater world while snorkeling. Those seeking pure relaxation can unwind with a refreshing drink under the beachside shade.

Afternoon: Culinary Delights and Cultural Encounters

Returning to the luxurious Emperor Cruise around 11:30 AM, a delectable lunch awaits. Feast on exquisitely prepared dishes showcasing both the freshest local seafood and international culinary inspirations.

Step back onto land at 2:00 PM and embark on a brief but enriching cultural immersion. Visit the Nha Trang Stone Church, a historic landmark offering both architectural beauty and a glimpse into the city's heritage. Then step inside the serene haven of Loc Tho Pagoda, a tranquil Buddhist temple. Travel back in time at the Mr. Hai's Ancient House, a meticulously preserved dwelling that has stood for over 200 years., to discover the fascinating customs and lifestyles of a bygone era. This unique experience will offer a glimpse into the remarkable diversity of religious practices that coexist harmoniously in Nha Trang.

Immerse yourself in the heart of Vietnamese cuisine during a hands-on cooking class. Under the guidance of an expert chef, unlock the secrets behind the vibrant flavors and delicate balance that define this celebrated gastronomy.

Evening: Tranquil Transition

As evening approaches, bid farewell to Nha Trang and re-board your luxurious train. Freshen up in the comfort of your opulent cabin as the landscape shifts and the train continues its southward journey.

DAY 4 HOI AN

Morning: The Essence of Hoi An

As dawn paints the Nha Trang sky with hues of rose and gold, your luxurious train embarks onward. The journey unfolds with breathtaking coastal views that gradually transform into verdant countryside landscapes. Passengers are treated to sights of pristine beaches, towering cliffs, azure waters, rolling hills, expansive rice paddies, and charming villages, creating a memorable experience.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, unwind in a tranquil setting surrounded by emerald green rice fields. Indulge in a freshly brewed, aromatic Vietnamese coffee as you take in the serenity of this rural haven.

Embark on an exhilarating jeep adventure through Hoi An's captivating countryside. Feel the gentle breeze through your hair as you venture out to Cam Kim Island, a world of traditional crafts and age-old practices. Discover the art of Vietnamese coffee roasting, where the rich fragrance fills the air and the secrets of creating the perfect brew are unveiled.

Step inside an ancient ancestral house, gaining a glimpse into the rich heritage and architectural beauty of Hoi An. Witness the skilled hands of boatbuilders as they shape sturdy vessels, and admire the intricate art of basket weaving, a craft passed down through generations.

Savor the true flavors of the region with a delicious lunch prepared at an organic farm. Relish dishes crafted from the freshest locally-sourced ingredients, a testament to the bounty of this fertile land.

Continue journey to Tra Nhieu Village and embark on a peaceful bamboo boat ride through the labyrinthine waterways of lush water coconut forests. This unique ecosystem provides a serene backdrop to your Hoi An adventure.

Afternoon: The Heart of Ancient Hoi An Unveiled

Lose yourself in Hoi An Ancient Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where centuries of history unfold with every step.

Your exploration begins at the heart of Hoi An's mercantile past – the bustling Hoi An Market. A whirlwind of sights, sounds, and intoxicating aromas, this market offers a captivating immersion into local life. Browse stalls overflowing with shimmering silks, intricately carved handicrafts, and a dazzling array of exotic spices.

Continue your stroll through the enchanting Old Town, where time seems to stand still. Arrive at the Phuc Kien Chinese Assembly Hall, a magnificent architectural gem adorned with vibrant gates, mythical dragon statues, and ornate rooftops. Discover the enduring practice of ancestor worship as you observe local devotees making offerings at the family altar.

Venture deeper into history with a visit to the remarkably preserved Phung Hung Ancient House or its counterpart, the Tan Ky Ancient House. These timeworn structures have withstood centuries of change, offering a glimpse into the lives of prosperous merchants who once conducted trade with merchants from faraway lands.

Your journey culminates at the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, a symbol of Hoi An's diverse heritage. Built over 400 years ago, this graceful bridge once connected the town's Japanese and Chinese communities. Admire the intricate carvings and paintings within, as your guide deciphers their symbolism and cultural significance.

Conclude your afternoon with a leisurely exploration of Hoi An's renowned handicraft shops and art galleries. Venture off the beaten path, discovering hidden laneways and charming local neighborhoods, where the true essence of Hoi An reveals itself.

Return to your train for an exquisite onboard dinner. Enjoy your overnight stay in Hoi An, the charming ancient town, allowing its rich history and enduring traditions to linger in your dreams.

DAY 5 HUE

Morning: Vespa Exploration on the Trails of Emperors

Embark on a captivating rail journey to historic Hue, departing in the cool morning hours. As the train rolls on the tracks, it ascends through the picturesque Hai Van Pass, savor a gourmet breakfast complemented by breathtaking views of lush valleys and the shimmering East Sea.

After departing from the lavish embrace of your train, discover Hue's imperial past astride a vintage Vespa. The air fills with anticipation as you begin your journey at the heart of the Nguyen Dynasty – the magnificent Royal Palace. Explore the sprawling citadel, gaining insight into the lives of Vietnam's last emperors.

Venture beyond the palace walls, delving into Hue's rich history and traditions. Stop at a traditional bronze-casting village, where artisans keep ancient techniques alive. **Next, witness** the legacy of a bygone era at the Tiger Arena (Hố Quyển) and Elephant Shrine.

Exchange the city bustle for a scenic countryside ride. Breeze past emerald green rice fields and meet skilled craftspeople, observing their intricate work. Delight in breathtaking views of the Perfume River and pause at an ancient royal tomb set against a backdrop of serene lotus ponds.

Savor the essence of Hue's exquisite cuisine with a refined lunch at a restored traditional garden house. Dine amidst the elegance of its architecture and savor dishes that showcase the city's culinary heritage, a delight for both the eyes and palate.

Afternoon: Perfume River and Echoes of the Past

Embark on a gentle boat trip along the legendary Perfume River, gaining a unique perspective of Hue's landscapes and rural life. Drift past picturesque villages and lush fields, the river serving as a lifeline for the local communities.

Step ashore to explore Thanh Tien, a village renowned for over 300 years for its vibrant paper flower-making tradition. Observe this meticulous craft, learning its significance for celebrations and rituals, and perhaps try your hand at creating these colorful blooms.

Evening: Enchanted Garden and a Night in Hue

As dusk descends upon Hue, prepare for an unforgettable journey into the city's artistic and historical soul. Venture to the Ben Xuan Garden House, a place where the cultural heritage of Hue comes alive in architecture, music, and culinary delights.

Explore the echoes of the Nguyen Dynasty through the architecture inspired by royal designs. East meets West in a harmonious cultural exchange. Be enchanted by a private concert in the Ben Xuan Theatre. This intimate performance evokes the refined leisure enjoyed by Hue's nobility and intellectuals in centuries past.

Conclude this captivating experience with a delightful fine-dining repast that has graced royal tables, presented with artistry and elegance.

Evening: Farewell to the Echoes of the Ancient Capital

As evening approaches, return to the elegance of your train to refresh and prepare for the next chapter of your exquisite adventure.

DAY 6 QUANG BINH

Morning: Awaken to Wilderness and Journey to Hidden Wonders

Wake gently to the rhythmic sway of the train, the landscapes of central Vietnam rolling past your window. Savor a leisurely breakfast on board, savoring both the anticipation of the day ahead and the quiet beauty of your surroundings.

Disembark in the heart of Quang Binh, a region renowned for its dramatic natural beauty. Embark on a journey to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where primeval landscapes unfold. Lush mountains frame the serene Son River, their reflections dancing on the water's surface.

Step aboard a boat for a tranquil voyage along the Son River. As you glide gently through the water, immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery. The mountains rise majestically from the riverbanks, their rugged beauty mirrored in the still waters. Drift along the Phong Nha Cave's subterranean river, marveling at the intricate formations of stalactites and stalagmites sculpted by time.

Afternoon: Refreshment at a Jungle Oasis

Journey to the vibrant Nuoc Mooc Spring, a hidden gem nestled within the lush greenery of the National Park. Delight in a refreshing lunch amidst the soothing sounds of nature. The spring's crystal-clear waters beckon you to cool off with a swim or perhaps a kayaking adventure.

Late afternoon & Evening: Flavors of the Countryside and Onward Journey

Return to the comfort of your luxurious train, your senses awakened by the day's discoveries. Freshen up as the landscapes of Quang Binh transform with the setting sun. Anticipation builds as your next experience unfolds – a home-style dinner in the serene setting of an endless rice paddies.

If you wish, join in a Vietnamese cooking class to discover the vibrant flavors and fresh, locally sourced ingredients that define the region's cuisine. Learn traditional cooking techniques and create dishes bursting with flavor.

Enjoy your culinary creations in this idyllic setting. As the stars begin to emerge, the gentle sounds of nature orchestrate a symphony of peace, a perfect farewell to Quang Binh.

Late in the evening, your journey continues as the train departs for Ninh Binh, carrying you toward the next captivating chapter.

DAY 7 NINH BINH

Good morning, Ninh Binh!

Awaken to the splendour of Ninh Binh as dawn unfurls, with a sumptuous breakfast served in the lavish confines of your luxury train. Each dish, a testament to refined culinary craft, sets a distinguished tone for the day's journey.

By 08:00 a.m., the journey transitions seamlessly from the comfort of the train to the serene embrace of Trang An's emerald waters. Here, aboard a sampan, you are invited to navigate through a landscape recognized by UNESCO for its natural majesty. Amidst the grandeur of towering limestone cliffs and lush greenery, this journey offers an intimate glimpse into the heart of nature's splendour.

The narrative of the day continues as you arrive at Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital. Step back in time amidst the dramatic limestone peaks, where the legacy of the Dinh and Le dynasties lives on through temples and historical sites. Amongst temples and ruins, this visit enriches the soul, intertwining the luxury of travel with the depth of cultural heritage.

Lunch unfolds as an exclusive affair amidst the breathtaking backdrop of Tam Coc's limestone mountains, where private dining merges with the sublime beauty of nature. Each course celebrates the region's rich flavors, ensuring a memorable gastronomic experience.

Afternoon: Cycling Through Time

After lunch, embrace a leisurely pace as you saddle up for a bicycle ride through the idyllic countryside. Breathe in the fresh air as you pedal past fields and villages, observing the rhythms of local life unfold around you.

Discover the hidden gem of Thai Vi Temple and continue to Co Vien Lau, where time seems to stand still. Admire this collection of beautifully preserved ancient houses, gaining insights into traditional Vietnamese architecture and design.

Evening: A Historic Farewell Feast

As evening approaches, retreat to the elegance of your train to refresh and unwind after a day of exploration. Later, indulge in an exquisite farewell dinner at Dinh Le King Temple, where you'll savour delicious cuisine amidst the historic ambiance of this majestic setting.

Bid farewell to the captivating Ninh Binh and board your luxurious train. Reminisce about the day's discoveries as the train begins its journey back to the Hanoi capital.

DAY 8 HA NOI

The train is scheduled to reach Hanoi train station at 5:00 am. Guests will savor breakfast until 8:30 am. At 9:00 am, check-out procedures commence.

Today, based on your flight timings, you will be transferred to hotel in Hanoi City centre for your return flights home.