



V'explore TRAVEL
Imagine the Journey

VIETNAM CULINARY AND CULTURE

11 days / 10 nights

SAIGON - DANANG - HOI AN - HUE - HANOI

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN SAIGON

Arrive in Saigon and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 2: SAIGON CITY TOUR - GRAIN COOKING CLASS (B)

In the morning, the city tour includes the Reunification Palace, City Post office building and Ben Thanh Market. Afternoon, join Grain Cooking Class. Follow the Chef's instruction and trying hands-on cooking with 4-course menu. Enjoy our own-cooked food before back to hotel.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA (B,L)

Drive to Cai Be. On arrival, get on boat to visit Cai Be floating market and local traditional workshops of making pop-rice, rice papers and coconut candy. See the manufacture of country cottage roofs and products for export from hyacinth. We have the option biking on the island. Have lunch with Mekong Delta specialties and enjoy traditional music. Return and overnight in Saigon.

This trip offers you the opportunity to experience the flavorful traditional Vietnamese gastronomy as well as the Viet-French mixing cuisine that creates a colorful balance of food art. We also discover how the climate and culture in each region influence on the cuisine.



DAY 4: SAIGON - DANANG - HOI AN (B)

Transfer to the airport for morning flight to Danang - Hoi An. Afternoon, take a city tour in Hoi An where you can find traditional architecture, tailor shops and artwork. The evening is free at leisure.

DAY 5: HOI AN - RED BRIDGE COOKING CLASS (B)

Today's highlight is the cooking class at Red Bridge cooking school. Enjoy a cup of coffee at Hai Scout Café, and then visit Hoian's colorful market. Next, take a boat along the river to the Cooking School. Join in the 2-hour cooking lesson and learn how to make some of Hoian's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. Your final results will be your lunch for the day.

DAY 6: HOI AN - HUE CITY TOUR (B)

Today we depart for Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam. Enjoy the beautiful scenery as we travel over the spectacular Hai Van Pass. Afternoon, visit the Imperial Citadel and its Royal Enclosure, the Forbidden Purple city and Dong Ba Market.

DAY 7: HUE - HOME COOKING (B,D)

Morning, travel eastward to Thanh Toan tile-roofed bridge. Enjoy countryside peaceful scenery, visit the local market and talk to local residents. Visit Thien Mu Pagoda, the ancient Buddhist temple considered as a symbol of Hue.

Late afternoon, join home cooking at a local house. We will learn how to prepare popular and favorite Hue dishes. Then we enjoy dinner and have warm chatting with the family.

DAY 8: HUE - HANOI (B)

Transfer to the airport for flight to Hanoi. Pick-up and transfer to hotel check-in. Free at leisure.



DAY 9: HANOI STREET FOOD & CITY TOUR (B,L)

Morning visit Hoan Kiem Lake, the Temple of Literature and enjoy traditional cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter. Stop at Bach Ma temple and continue walking along the narrow streets to Hang Be market. Taste street foods and learn about "local cuisine culture", such as cha que (sausage with cinnamon), banh cuon (Vietnamese rolling cakes), bun cha (rice noodles served with cha que), nem (deep fried "square-shape" spring rolls) and che (a popular dessert soup with many varieties kinds of beans). Take a rest at a local cafe before back to hotel.

DAY 10: HANOI COOKING CLASS (B,L)

Join the fun Blue Butterfly Cooking Class. Pick-up by your Chef and head to the cooking site. We will learn an interactive and fun way to learn new cooking skills and experience the tastes and textures of Vietnamese cuisine. This half day tour gives you a hands-on lesson on how to shop for fresh ingredients and cook authentic Vietnamese food.

DAY 11: DEPARTURE (B)

Transfer to the airport for departure flight.

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY!

❖ MEAL CODE B: BREAKFAST L: LUNCH D: DINNER

