

*This trip features the most charming landscapes and cultures of Central Vietnam featuring three UNESCO Heritage Sites. Experience the impressive and spectacular Phong Nha and Thien Duong Caves. Explore the fascinating cultures of Hue on scooters with Aodaigo ladies. Enjoy the romance and peaceful Hoi An ancient town and an adventure to Cham Island.*



## CENTRAL VIETNAM DISCOVERY

### DONG HOI – HUE – HOI AN

09 days / 08 nights

- Visits to Phong Nha and Thien Duong Caves, some of the most beautiful caves in the world
- Hue city tour on scooters with Aodaigo ladies
- Visits to Hoi An ancient town and Tra Que vegetables village
- Experience rural life and bamboo basket boat trip at Cam Thanh village
- Underwater walking tour at Cham Island

#### Day 1 Arrival in Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi, transfer to hotel check-in.

#### Day 2 Hanoi – Dong Hoi – Phong Nha Cave (B,L)

Transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Dong Hoi. Arrival in Dong Hoi, pick-up and transfer to Phong Nha. Have lunch at a local restaurant and then take a 30-minute

boat trip on Son River to visit Phong Nha Cave also known as the wet cave. You will be impressed by the big stalagmites and stalactites in the cave. Transfer to Chay Lap Farmstay and check-in.

#### Day 3 Phong Nha – Thien Duong Cave (B,L)

Breakfast at Chay Lap Farmstay. Then we visit Thien Duong (Paradise) Cave discovered in 2005 by the British Cave Research Association. We can take the electric car from the parking to the foothills of the cave (2km). Admire countless stalactites of different shapes. Visit Thach Thien Cung and Thien Ha waterfalls and discover the sights of a typical rice terraced civilization. Visit a Champa tower, Buddha Guanyin, Phuc Loc Tho, and a Rong House of the Vietnam Highlands... Afternoon is free at leisure for relaxing or taking on-site activities, such as biking, swimming in the pool or kayaking. The rest of day is at leisure.

#### Day 4 Dong Hoi – Hue (B,D)

Enjoy breakfast before departing for Hue. On the way, we can stop to visit the 500 year-old Phuoc Tich ancient village about 40kms from Hue. Check-in hotel in Hue.

Late afternoon, take a boat trip visit Thien Mu pagoda, one of the oldest ancient architectural structures for religious worship in Hue. Then enjoy special home-style dinner at a local family.

#### **Day 5 Hue highlights (B,L)**

**Option: you can choose the city tour by car or by scooters with Aodaigo ladies – our exclusive services in Hue [www.aodaigo.com](http://www.aodaigo.com)**

Morning, we travel eastward along the city river to Thanh Toàn tile-roofed Bridge in Thanh Toàn village, located about 8 km from Hue city. Here we will enjoy the peaceful scenery of the countryside with farmers working on their tranquil rice fields, talk to friendly local people in the small market and learn more about their daily life. Next visit the family garden, learn how to make some Hue cakes like banh beo, banh loc... and enjoy lunch there. Afternoon, visit the Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba Market. Back to your hotel for relaxing.

#### **Day 6 Hue – Hoi An (B)**

Depart Hue for Hoi An. On the way, visit Cham Museum in Danang. Arrive in Hoi An, ancient town located on the banks of the Thu Bon River, and check-in hotel. Afternoon, we take a walk to visit Hoi An, one of the major trading centers of Southeast Asia in the 16th century and was declared a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1999. The rest of day is at leisure.

#### **Day 7 Hoi An city tour – Cam Thanh Village (B,L)**

You commence the day by leisurely cycling along country roads witnessing local Vietnamese rural life. Then visit the organic vegetable village, join in the farmer's daily activities, such as watering and planting vegetables. Then experience riding a water buffalo in a rice paddy field. Next, you will board the boat for a river cruise to meet and engage with local fishermen and enjoy a hands-on experience of traditional net fishing. You will also experience paddling the unique Vietnamese bamboo



basket boat in the waterways of coconut palm paradise. Have lunch at the house of a local people.

#### **Day 8 Cu Lao Cham (B,L) joining tour**



Pick-up at your hotel and we drive to Cua Dai beach harbor. We get on board and the boat will depart at 08:00 for about 1.30-hour cruise to Cham Island. We arrive at Lang village and the tour guide will help us understand more about Cham Island history. Make a visit to the Marine Protected Area, the boat shelter, Hai Tang pagoda, traditional fishing village and the local market. We then trek for 20 minutes to Chong village with very nice sloping and winding roads and an amazing view of the sea and sand. We sometimes can see some wild monkeys on the way if we are lucky. Go swimming, snorkeling and having lunch with some seafood afterward. Keep swimming or relaxing after lunch then get on board and cruise back to Cua Dai beach harbor. Tour ends at 3:00pm and transfer back to your hotel.

#### **Day 9 Hoi An – Danang Departure (B)**

Transfer to Danang. Stop to visit Cham Museum (if time permits) before transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

**B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner**

#### **TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:**

- \* Private transportation as in program
- \* Accommodation on **Double/Twin sharing** room with breakfast
- \* Meals as indicated in program (excluded drinks)
- \* All sightseeing and boat fees
- \* Join Cham island tour
- \* Local English speaking guide
- \* Complimentary 01 bottle of mineral water per person per day tour