

## Adventure

#### The Best of Vietnam from Hoi An to Hanoi & Bay Cruise

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# Feel the difference

with Mountain Travel Sobek

#### **Unrivaled Expertise**

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

#### **Unique Trip Design**

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

#### **Small Groups**

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.









## Leading the Way

#### **World-Class Local Guides**

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.











## Why take this trip with us?

#### **REASON 1**

MT Sobek captures the best of Vietnam on this immersive insider adventure spanning the country's historical, cultural, and natural wonders — all in just 8 days!

#### **REASON 2**

Our team of local guides are true experts and have over 25 years' experience leading guests through Vietnam.

#### **REASON 3**

This is one of the few trips to combine authentic local encounters with active days and an overnight cruise.

#### At A Glance

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Hiking, biking, cooking, exploring historic and cultural sights, savoring delicious street food, cruising Lan Ha Bay, and so much more. A true multiadventure!



#### **LODGING**

Comfortable and authentic hotels in scenic locales — all carefully selected by our Asia experts — plus an overnight stay on Lan Ha Bay.



#### CLIMATE

Vietnam's unique geography includes both tropical and temperate zones. Expect temperatures from the 60-80°Fs, down to the 50°Fs in Hanoi and Lan Ha Bay in Nov-Dec.



#### **KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK**

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



### Vietnam Mountains & Bay Multi-Adventure

#### The Best of Vietnam from Hoi An to Hanoi & Bay Cruise

Discover the wonders of Vietnam on this action-packed adventure! Begin in historic Hoi An, where you'll visit the UNESCO-listed Old Town and enjoy a serene boat ride along the Thu Bon River. Next, cycle through peaceful villages and indulge in delicious local street food. Hike scenic trails in Bach Ma National Park and experience the charm of ancient Hue. In Hanoi, see the impressive Ho Chi Minh complex, take a rickshaw ride through the bustling Old Quarter, and try your hand at traditional Vietnamese cooking. Delight in the lush green landscapes of Ninh Binh, where karst cliffs rise from rice paddies, and cap off your adventure with a magical overnight cruise on Lan Ha Bay.

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#### 9 Days

Start: Danang, Vietnam End: Hanoi, Vietnam

Departing: January, February, March, April, December

Activities: Multi-Adventure, Cultural Discovery

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels, Comfortable Small Ship

**Group Size:** 2-12 Guests

**ACTIVITY:** 









Check <u>mtsobek.com</u> for date-specific pricing.

"I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left a positive imprint on me—widening my view

of the world and its peoples."

- Jane B.

## The Itinerary



#### Arrive in Danang & Begin Exploring Hoi An

Welcome to Vietnam! Meet your guides at the Danang airport and transfer to your hotel in historic Hoi An. Spend the afternoon gliding along the Thu Bon River aboard a traditional wooden boat, the golden light playing on the water and the UNESCO-listed city coming to life as dusk falls. Disembark to experience a magical evening performance. Teh Dar fuses acrobatics, tribal music, and bamboo artistry, capturing the cultural spirit of Vietnam's indigenous people. After the show, stroll lantern-lit streets to a local restaurant and savor a flavorful feast of traditional dishes.

**MEALS:** Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private van transfer **ACTIVITY:** Sunset boat cruise and cultural show



#### Bicycle Between Villages, Marvel at Architecture & Savor Street Food

Cycle across the Thu Bon River and ride through serene rice fields and bamboo groves to reach a quiet village. Visit a Vietnamese family in their ancestral home and learn about their genealogy and traditions. Continue cycling on shady paths that meander through quiet villages and stop for a home-cooked lunch. Pedal back to Hoi An and explore its UNESCO-listed Old Town, where centuries-old Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese, and French influences meet. Wander through storybook streets, enjoying ancient temples and monuments, then dive into a street food adventure, sampling white rose dumplings, green bean cakes, and rich Vietnamese coffee—an authentic Vietnamese experience and a delicious dinner.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute boat ride

ACTIVITY: 1-2 hours/6-7 miles biking on paved roads or optional cyclo ride, 3-hour street food tour



#### Hike in Bach Ma National Park & Travel to Hue

Wake for an early drive up to beautiful Hai Van Pass (1,627') and on to Bach Ma National Park, where the mountains reach 4,750 feet. Follow scenic trails to Hai Vong Dai and enjoy stunning panoramic views of majestic mountains, lagoons, and quaint local villages. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant, before trekking into the jungle to explore the Five Lakes. Immerse yourself in serene nature and take a dip in the cool water of lake number five. Next it's on to the pretty Do Quyen Waterfall set in a dense forest. From here, head back to the start and continue your trip to Hue — your home for the night.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4-5 hours/5 miles hiking with 515' elevation gain and 240' loss





#### **Explore Hue's Ancient Past & Fly to Hanoi**

This morning, visit an impressive private collection of ancient ceramic artifacts pulled from the Perfume River and other antique treasures at an enchanting garden house. Taste family recipes over lunch, then explore the majestic Citadel of Hue. Built in 1804, the former imperial capital is a walled fortress encircling three nested cities, with the Purple Forbidden City at its center. Abandoned by the Nguyen dynasty, it was heavily damaged during the Indochina wars and is now slowly being restored. Walk through one of the citadel's massive gates and step into a grand palace among the atmospheric remains of the royal city. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner **TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour flight



#### **Traditional Vietnamese Cooking Experience**

Savor the flavors of Vietnamese cuisine with a chef-led cooking class. First stop is the local market, where you'll meet your chef and wander the stalls in search of the freshest ingredients. With the shopping done, you'll be ready to head to your chef's kitchen and learn how to cook several traditional Vietnamese dishes. Wrap up your epicurean adventure by eating your tasty lunch! Bid farewell to your chef and host before returning to the hotel. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided visit to Ba Dinh square, center of the impressive Ho Chi Minh complex. See the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh Museum, One-Pillar Pagoda, and Presidential Palace. Then go back in time on a rickshaw ride through the bustling Old Quarter, where artisans have sold their crafts for over 500 years!

MEALS: Breakfast Lunch



#### **Discover Ninh Binh's Natural Wonders**

Take a morning bike ride through the sublime countryside of Ninh Binh, where limestone karsts rise above golden rice fields and narrow paths wind past lotus ponds and ancient temples. Pass water buffalo grazing lazily and locals tending crops, soaking in the scenery. Visit a local family for a home-cooked lunch and immersive insight into life in rural Vietnam. In the afternoon, step aboard a traditional sampan for a paddle-propelled ride through Tam Coc, listed by UNESCO for its spectacular landscape of dramatic karst towers, hidden caves, and lush rice paddies. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer **ACTIVITY:** 2-3 hours hiking with various options



#### **Cruise Lan Ha Bay**

Start the day with a journey to Hai Phong, where you'll embark on an epic cruise of must-see Lan Ha Bay, part of UNESCO-listed Halong Bay. This world-famous bay is one of the most beautiful landscapes in Vietnam, with its giant rock islets covered in lush green vegetation. Experience it up close with a magical night aboard a traditional comfortable cruiser. Dine on freshly caught seafood and let the motion of the bay rock you to sleep in your well-appointed cabin.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Short cycling and kayaking options while on cruise



#### **Morning Cruise & Return to Hanoi**

Wake for sunrise over the aquamarine waters of La Ha Bay and enjoy a morning cruise. Return to your hotel in Hanoi and relax in the afternoon. Gather for a festive farewell dinner this evening.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer



#### **Depart from Hanoi**

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to Noi Bai airport for your departure flight.

**MEALS:** Breakfast





## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

#### **Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort**

Unwind at the Almanity Hoi An, an oasis in the heart of ancient Hoi An. The property is set around a stunning swimming pool and Zen garden, and its 138 rooms have an elegant, minimalist style. Revive body and mind with a massage or sauna at the My Chi Spa, and enjoy a drink at the Blue Bottle Bar. Savor the resort's homegrown organic fare at the onsite Four Plates Restaurant.

#### **Eldora Hotel**

Stroll across the opulent lobby or look out over Hue city from the tall windows along the indoor swimming pool. French colonial-style rooms hark back to history yet offer amenities such as clawfoot tubs, fine bedding, minibar, air conditioning, and free Wi-Fi. Dine under chandeliers or take in the city lights from the top floor terrace bar. There is also a soothing sauna and steam room.

#### **Senna Hotel**

Warm hospitality awaits within the walls of the Senna Hue. The interior courtyard is a lush oasis where gardens surround a koi pond and swimming pool. Local and French elements complement spacious rooms with simple modern style. Enjoy the view from your private balcony, along with air-conditioning, minibar, and a coffee and tea-making station in the room. Indulge in the natural treatments at the spa.



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#### Hotel de l'Opera

Indulge in the luxurious ambiance of Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi, where French colonial-inspired opulence meets modern comfort. This hotel is a Best Boutique Hotel in Asia winner in 2015, located in the heart of Hanoi. It has individually decorated guest rooms with amenities such as Wi-Fi, A/C, a 32-inch LCD TV, a coffee and tea bar, and a desk. There are two on-site restaurants, a bar, a swimming pool, a fitness center, and a terrace with sun loungers - perfect for relaxation after a day of sightseeing!

#### Le Clos Du Fil

This family-owned boutique hotel sits in a quiet lane of a centuries-old craft village known for lace and embroidery. Bright airy rooms are air-conditioned and decorated with handmade textiles and teak furniture. Enjoy a refreshing swim in the glistening pool, lined with tropical plants and loungers under umbrellas. The spa offers traditional herbal treatments, massage and sauna. Taste tantalizing Vietnamese fare at the small, light-filled restaurant.

#### **Orchid Trendy Cruise**

Immerse yourself in the wonders of Halong Bay aboard a thoughtfully designed cruiser, elegantly decorated with rich dark wood and Indochine details. Your spacious cabin looks out on enchanting scenery through floor to ceiling windows and opens onto a private balcony with seating. The stone-tiled bathroom includes a soaking tub with a view. Relax on the sundeck, cool off in the plunge pool, or visit the spa for an indulgent massage.

## **Departure Dates**

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, April, December

#### Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

December 7-15, 2025

January 15-23, 2026

February 8-16, 2026

March 1-9, 2026

March 15-23, 2026

March 22-30, 2026

April 5-13, 2026

April 12-20, 2026

December 6-14, 2026

## What's Included

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure quides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted in the Trip Planner)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

#### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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