

Tailored itinerary:	Spring group for Enable Holidays
Estimated date of departure:	April 2019
Party size:	8 - 14 traveller's
Length of stay:	9 nights in Vietnam
Wheelchair access:	Manual wheelchair adapted

# Your itinerary : VIETNAM

DAY	Day	ITINERARY	Night in
Day 1	2nd April	Departure	Plane
Day 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Arrival in Hanoi early morning	Hanoi
Day 3	4th	Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 4	5	Hanoi – Ninh Binh - Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 5	6	Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 6	7	Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 7	8	Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 8	9	Hoi An - Danang - Saigon	Saigon
Day 9	10	Saigon	Saigon
Day 10	11	Saigon – Mekong Delta - Saigon	Saigon
Day 11	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Saigon - departure to the airport after dinner	
Day 12	13th April	Time of take of is at 00:25 on April 13th	

## Your detailed itinerary:

#### **Day 1: Departure**

Direct flight from LHR to Hanoi with Vietnam Airlines

April 2<sup>nd</sup> London Heathrow / Hanoi departing at 11:00am arriving at 05:20 the next day early morning in Hanoi (3<sup>rd</sup> April).

## Day 2: Arrival in Hanoi

(Note: mentions of B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner indicates which meals are included)

### Welcome to Hanoi!

We have conceived with care this itinerary to comfortably welcome wheelchair users, answering the needs of less mobile travelers to enable an exciting and serene visit of Vietnam.



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We wish you a great trip to Vietnam, rich in encounters and discoveries!

Welcome and greetings at the airport by your guide and your driver. Transfer to the hotel.

Guided introduction of the capital city by cyclo with a visit of the historical quarter of Hanoi, located around the Hoan Kiem Lake, also called the "Lake of the Returned Sword". Enjoy wandering in this calm yet lively area and visit the little Ngoc Son Temple located at the center of the lake, linked by a bright red traditional bridge.

The excursion continues northbound at the famous quarter of the "36 old streets and guilds": the historical heart of the city. Each street, called "Hang" is specialized in an activity: Hang of silversmiths, Hang of coconut carpets, Hang of sweets, Hang of metal workers...old houses and temples are also located in those little streets.

Vietnamese set dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

<u>Transportation:</u> 45mn to 1 hour drive from the airport to the city center + a short ride from the hotel to the lake area.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets at the airport.

## Day 3: Hanoi.

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Breakfast at the hotel.

### Morning Visits:

Proceed to the Ethnology Museum to learn about habits and ancestral traditions of the 54 ethnics composing the country: the courtyard of the museum displays impressive communal houses of the Banhar ethnic minority presenting a singular design.



Lunch in a Vietnamese villa.

### Afternoon visits:

Afternoon dedicated to the most renowned man of the nation: Ho Chi Minh. An impressive mausoleum hosts his body and, located nearby, many personal belongings are displayed in his former house. You will also visit the peculiar "One Pilar Pagoda".

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

*Transportation:* Short rides within the city center.

*Toilets:* Adapted toilets at the museum.

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### Day 4: Hanoi – Dry Halong Bay - Hanoi

Breakfast at the hotel.

Full day visits:

Only 2 hours drive away from Hanoi, the "dry Halong Bay" less touristy than the maritime one, offers an amaizing landscape of karst mountains: one of the most spectacular scenary in Vietnam.



At the 10th century, this region was the capital of 3 feodal dynaties: visit of temples and historical buildings.

Lunch in Ninh Binh made of the region's specialties.

Visit a lost temple in the countryside and continue with a stunning promenade among the lush rice paddies and majestic karst mountains.

Back to Hanoi with arrival in late afternoon.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Transportation: 4 hours return trip.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets during the visit in Ninh Binh.

## Day 5: Hanoi – Duong Lam – Airport – Danang – Hoi An

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning visits:

Even if Hanoi is a large capital city, one can escape it easily and quickly. Only 45km away from Hanoi, there is the little village of Duong Lam. Founded 1200 years ago, the village has preserved traditional houses built with prestigious local materials of fine woods and



rocks. From the old Banyan tree, wander in the narrow streets passing by the communal house and the small market. An out of time visit, far from modern Vietnam.

Drive to Hanoi airport. Check in for your flights.

Light lunch at the airport.

Afternoon: transfers:

Flight for Danang (1 hour flight). – *Flight suggested is VN 175* – April 6<sup>th</sup> Hanoi / Da Nang departing at 14:00pm arriving at 15:20.

On Arrival in Danang, warm welcome by your guide and your driver.

Transfer to your hotel located in Hoi An.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight in Hoi An.

<u>Transportation:</u> 1.5 hour drive to Duong Lam village. 1 hour drive from Duong Lam to Hanoi airport. 40mn from Danangn airport to the hotel in Hoi An.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets at both airports.

Day 6: Hoi An.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Hoi An is the dreamed place to wander and shop. Listed as a UNESCO heritage site, the old town of Hoi An is entirely pedestrian.

Visit the beautiful little streets of Hoi An, with houses painted in warm colors, hanging lanterns on their



Lunch in a restaurant of the old town.

Hoi An is world famous for its lantern making: this afternoon have fun making your own lantern class! The workshop is located in a former temple court. The association making the lanterns helps the disabled Hoi An residents to find jobs in lantern making.

Dinner in the old town.

Overnight in Hoi An.

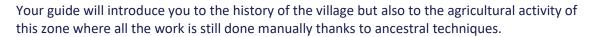
Transportation: By walk only.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets at the lunch restaurant and at 2 different spots in the old town.



Check out of your hotel after breakfast.

The countryside of Hoi An remains quite authentic. It is only at a 10mn ride from your hotel that you reach the rural village of Tra Que located along a little canal.



Take a stroll on the paths along the plantation fields and then continue to a local house where you will watch a cooking demonstration. Enjoy tasting the local food specialties such as the "Tam Huu" rolls or the "ban Xeo" pancakes.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Dinner in the old town.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Transportation: 2 Short rides.

Toilets: Hotel.

### Day 8: Hoi An - Danang – Saigon

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to Danang airport and flight to Saigon. Light lunch at the airport.

#### Flight suggested VN 127

April 9<sup>th</sup> April Da Nang / Saigon departing at 14:30pm arriving at 16:00.

On arrival in Saigon, meet with your driver and transfer to your hotel.

Time to relax in your room beofre going out for dinner.

Overnight in Saigon.

*Transportation:* 45mn from hotel to Danang airport and 30mn from Saigon airport to hotel.

*Toilets:* At the airports.



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## Full day visit:

Visit dedicated to the visit of the city's architectural highlights: Notre Dame Cathedral built with French pink bricks, the Central Post Office designed by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel, the Reunification Palace also called Independence Palace ... not forgetting



an enjoyable break at the park, under the shadow of the trees, to taste a local favorites: "cà phê sữa đá", a sweet iced coffee!

Lunch in the city, in a nice colonial villa.

This afternoon, go to for a souvenir hunt in the most popular markets of the city. Everybody will find a little something to bring back home!

Dinner in a typical local restaurant.

Overnight in Saigon.

*<u>Transportation</u>*: Short rides within the city center. Possibility to do it all by walk also.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets at the restaurant at lunch.

## Full day visit:

Today, departure for the mighty Mekong Delta, famous for being the most hospitable and wealthy region of Vietnam.

Endless rice paddies, plenty of small canals with

traditional little ferry boats, lush orchards: a complete day among this colorful landscape and with engaging locals.

Visit the dynamic market of My Tho city where you can see all the supplies coming from fisheries and orchards of the whole Mekong region.

Lunch in a colonial style restaurant along the mighty river.

Continue to a promenade in the jungle of the Mekong (the path is comfortably accessible to wheelchair users).

Back to Saigon at the end of the afternoon after a great day away from the city.

Overnight in Saigon.

Transportation: 3 hours return trip.

*Toilets:* Accessible toilets at the lunch restaurant.



Vietnamese wake up early to enjoy the morning fresh air for exercising and hang out with their domestic birds.

Departure toward Tao Dan Park, located in the heart of the city. You will enjoy wandering in there to watch the locals performing Tai Chi: a gracious martial art originally from China.



This park is however less known for its birds owners: a group of men meet there every morning to show their favorite bird and teach them how to sing. Enjoy this unusual scene with a local tea or coffee.

Drive to the Chinese quarter of the city. Lunch in town.

Visit a superb pagoda where incense burns perpetually. Locals come to give offerings to gods for protection.

Back to the hotel to refresh and for some rest before your flight.

Late check-out. Your room is available until 6pm. Transfer to the airport. Direct flight VN51 - Go to the airport in the evening after dinner.

*Transportation:* Shorts rides within the city center for the visits.

## Day 12: Arrival in Europe

Take off at 00:25 and arrival in LHR at 7:15 AM the same day. April 13<sup>th</sup> Saigon / London Heathrow departing at 00:25 arriving at 07:15.

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# Your selection of accommodations in Accessible Hotels

City	# of Nights	Hotel	Star	Room Type	Check in & Out	Status
Hanoi	3	Skylark Hotel	3*	Superior	Early check in included	
Hoi An	3	Thanh Binh Riverside	4*	Superior		
Saigon	3	Liberty Green View	3*	Premier Deluxe	Late check out included	

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# The rate includes/does not include:

Included	Not Included
- All transfers in private AC vehicles	<ul> <li>Drinks during meals</li> </ul>
- International and Domestic flights	- Personal insurance
- Hotels as mentioned (early check in on arrival	
day and late check out on departure day).	
- Meals as mentioned (full board).	
<ul> <li>English speaking spot guide</li> </ul>	
- All entrance fees of mentioned visits	

Current costs are based on a minimum of 8 persons confirming on the group tour.

Costs from £2749.00 per person (based on twin share for 2 adults per room) Prices quoted above are in Economy class throughout on Vietnam Airlines.

Costs from £5099.00 per person (based on twin share for 2 adults per room) Prices quoted above are in Business class throughout on Vietnam Airlines.

All flights, accommodations and prices quoted are subject to availability and change up to the time the booking is finalised and confirmed.