

16 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

# VIETNAM & INDIA

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## THE OFFER

If you're looking to dazzle your senses, electrify your tastebuds, and lift your spirits - Vietnam and India are two destinations that cannot be missed. Individually, each country has so much to offer. Each has a unique and vibrant culture, stunning architecture, incredible history, and quite possibly the most flavourful food on the planet. So we decided to bring them together, combining the best highlights of these two nations into one unforgettable 16 day adventure.

The magic begins in bustling Hanoi. Navigate the sea of motorbikes and pedicabs to discover delicious food stalls, ornate pagodas, and colourful markets. Set sail among hundreds of emerald islands in UNESCO-listed Halong Bay. Take in the stunning terraced rice paddies and meet the indigenous Hmong people of Sapa before jetting off to Delhi, India. Witness history at India's Royal Amber Fort, Red Fort, and Jama Masjid Mosque. Become entranced by one of the most elegant buildings in the world, the Taj Mahal. Explore old Delhi markets by rickshaw, take part in an optional Indian cooking class to add a bit of spice to your life, note the exquisite details of the 'Palace of the Winds' and so much more.

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## THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 New Zealand - Hanoi, Vietnam

Today depart from either Auckland, Christchurch or \*Wellington for Hanoi, Vietnam. Fly with either Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Cathay Pacific or Qantas Airways to name a few (subject to availability). On arrival be picked up and transferred to the hotel in the capital of Vietnam, which is known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese and French influence.

*Please note:*

- Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

**Overnight: Hong Ngoc Cochinchine or similar, Hanoi**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Hanoi Old Quarter Walking Tour - Afternoon at leisure

Mid-morning today you will enjoy an introductory guided walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter (approx. 1 to 1.5 hours). With your guide walk from the hotel to the nearby Hoan Kiem Lake (approx. 25 mins walk from the hotel). Here you will visit The Ngoc Son Temple and The Huc Bridge and learn a bit more about the culture and history of this historic city along the way. Afterwards you will walk to Saint Joseph's Cathedral to admire this beautiful building with its Gothic architecture. Construction began in 1886 and is described as resembling Notre Dame de Paris. The church was one of the first structures built by the French colonial government in

Indochina when it opened in December 1886. It's the oldest church in Hanoi.

From St John's Cathedral, you will be at your own leisure to enjoy a coffee or lunch at one of the many restaurants nearby and then make your own way back to the hotel when ready. You can walk back the way you came or perhaps take a taxi (not included).

**Overnight: Hong Ngoc Cochinchine or similar, Hanoi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise

This morning after breakfast drive through beautiful green rice paddy fields on the way to the coast (approx. 4 hours) where you will board a Junk boat for an overnight cruise through the thousands of towering limestone islands and emerald waters of UNESCO listed Halong Bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch before taking part in some afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for an amazing panoramic view or take a ride on a rowing boat into a secluded bay. Continue this journey with a cruise further into the bay to visit a Pearl Farm. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks.

**Overnight: Traditional Junk Boat - Majestic Cruises or similar, Halong Bay**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner**

### Day 4 Halong Bay - Hanoi

Early risers can take part in an optional Tai Chi class on deck this morning. After breakfast, climb aboard the tender for a visit to Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, a colourful grotto of giant

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stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the boat and enjoy a short cooking class where you will learn how to prepare local delicacies such as spring rolls. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by a relaxing trip back into port, where you will disembark and return to Hanoi (approx. 4 hours). Upon arrival back into Hanoi check into the hotel for an evening at leisure. Alternatively, you can take part in an optional evening activity (not included).

Optional Activity: Traditional Vietnamese Dinner with Water Puppet Show - \$55 NZD per person

This evening you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to one of the best restaurants in Hanoi's famous Old Quarter - Duong's Restaurant. Here you will enjoy many Vietnamese traditional dishes such as Goi Cuon Tom Thit (fresh rice paper roll with prawn and pork), Pho Bo (noodle soup with beef), Bun Cha (BBQ vietnamese pork meatballs with noodles), Goi Ga Hoa Chuoi (banana blossom salad with chicken) and Che Nep Dua (sticky rice in coconut cream). After dinner you will transfer to a water puppet theatre for a spectacular water puppet show. Vietnamese water puppetry is a traditional and unique art of Vietnam. Each show lasts 45 minutes and includes lively illustrative Vietnamese pastoral scenes, rural daily life as well as fairy legends. Finish the evening with a transfer back to your hotel. Please note: The itinerary may be adjusted if the water puppet show at 8:00pm is not available. The water puppet show will be arranged at 6:30pm and the dinner at the restaurant after the show.

**Overnight: Hong Ngoc Cochinquine or similar, Hanoi**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**

### Day 5 Hanoi - Sapa

This morning you will be driven to the mountainous town of Sapa (approx. 5 hours). Sapa is a picturesque town located in

the Hoàng Liên Sơn Mountains of Northwestern Vietnam. A popular trekking base, it overlooks the picturesque terraced rice fields of the Muong Hoa Valley. Hill tribes and ethnic minorities, such as the H'Mong, Tay and Dao make up much of the town's local population.

This afternoon take an afternoon walk through the tiered rice paddy fields to Ta Van Village to learn more about the local 'Zay' people. This walk is of basic/moderate difficulty (approx. 7km) along well formed trails and cobbled steps. Please note: the terrain on this walk is undulating but has no demanding ascents or descents. Alternatively, choose to enjoy the afternoon at leisure to discover the town of Sapa.

**Overnight: Panorama Hotel or similar, Sapa**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Sapa Villages Walk

After breakfast begin another walking journey with a visit to two villages of the H'Mong people (Catcat and Xin Chai). Continue your walk to see the impressive Thac Bac (Silver) Waterfall and a hydroelectric power station established during the French occupation. Take in stunning landscapes of green forests and rice fields on the walk back to Sapa. Today's walk is of basic/moderate difficulty (approx. 7km) along well formed trails and cobbled steps. Please note: the terrain on this hike is undulating but has no demanding ascents or descents.

Another option to the full day walk, you can drive to the base of the villages (Catcat and Xin Chai) and walk (approx. 3km) down to the village centres. The H'Mong/Mong is an indigenous people in Asia. The H'Mong began a gradual southward migration from China in the 18th century due to political unrest and to escape Chinese threats. They are one of the largest ethnic minorities in Vietnam.

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Alternatively, you can choose to enjoy the day at leisure in Sapa.

**Overnight: Panorama Hotel or similar, Sapa**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Sapa - Hanoi

Today is spent at leisure in Sapa before transferring back to Hanoi in the afternoon (approx. 5 hours) arriving at the hotel in the evening.

**Overnight: Hong Ngoc Cochinquine or similar, Hanoi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Hanoi, Vietnam - Delhi, India

Today you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to the airport for your evening flight with VietJet Airways to Delhi, India.

Upon arrival, be met by a representative at the airport and receive a welcome garland. The representative will escort you by private chauffeur car to the hotel.

**Please note:**

- Late check out is not provided on this day, but luggage storage facilities are available at the hotel so you may explore Hanoi at leisure before transferring to the airport this afternoon for your onwards flight.

- The VietJet flight includes 20kg of checked-in luggage and 7kg of carry on luggage and also includes meals.

**Overnight: Sk Premium Park or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

#### Day 9 Delhi City Tour

The capital of India, Delhi is a major gateway city for international visitors. It's a fascinating metropolis offering an intriguing mix of ancient sites and modern wonders, and also serves as the headquarters of Indian politics. Many of the heads of the Indian government, as well as other political parties, reside in the city, including the Prime Minister and President of India.

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of old and new Delhi. The tour will take in Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Also enjoy a rickshaw tour through Chandni Chowk, a colourful shopping bazaar in Old Delhi.

Travel to Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. You'll also witness the India Gate, a 42m high war memorial and stone of triumph. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India. Also visit the beautiful Lotus Temple, also known as the Bahai Temple, where adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate at this dazzling architectural temple.

**Overnight: Sk Premium Park or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Delhi - Jaipur 'The Pink City' (approx. 265km day)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will travel to Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan. On arrival in Jaipur you will check into the hotel, where you will also enjoy dinner this evening. Jaipur is

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instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, form what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit.

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets. The beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are all worth a look.

**Overnight: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 11 Jaipur City Tour & Amber Fort

After breakfast, enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11km from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. The fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort itself is a beautiful sight to behold.

This afternoon take part in a city tour visiting the City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Jantar Mantar, is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration and also visit Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

**Overnight: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 12 Jaipur Free Day

Today take the day to enjoy this heritage city at leisure or take the opportunity to join an optional tour.

Optional Activity: Culinary Delight Tour - \$30 NZD per person

Learn the secrets of Indian cuisine and try your hand at cooking local dishes, with lunch included.

**Overnight: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Jaipur - Chand Baori Step Well - Agra (approx. 245km day)

After breakfast, you will depart for Agra. On the way, you will visit Chand Baori Step Well, located opposite a temple known as Harshat Mata Temple. It is believed that the Chand Baori step well has a religious connection and that's the reason it was built in front of the temple.

On arrival to Agra, check into the hotel. Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice, the Taj Mahal one of the wonders of the world. So awe-inspiring is the monument that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the Taj. As visitors walk down the narrow bustling streets, they cannot help but wonder, if the man contentedly smoking a hookah, is a direct descendent of some bygone Mughal.

This afternoon enjoy a visit to Agra Fort (Red Fort) a fascinating sight, it showcases a high level of ornamentation and the Kohinoor diamond was reportedly part of the furnishings. The fort's artwork mixes Persian, European and Indian art, resulting in a unique Shahjahani style rich in form, expression and colour. Red Fort is one of the building

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complexes of India encapsulating a long period of history, arts and its innovative architectural style, including its garden design which influenced later buildings and gardens in Delhi. In 2007, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Red Fort Complex.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Residency or similar, Agra**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 14 Agra - Taj Mahal - Delhi

Today you will have an option to rise early and visit the Taj Mahal just after sunrise at approx. 6:00am (not included) and return to the hotel for breakfast or you can visit just after breakfast at 9:00am.

The world famous Taj Mahal is where you will see the undeniable beauty that incorporates and expands on design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While earlier Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Shah Jahan promoted the use of white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones. The Taj Mahal was commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631, to be built in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632, the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643 and the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

Early this afternoon at approx. 1:00pm checkout of the hotel and travel back to Delhi, on arrival check into the hotel.

Optional Tour: 6:00am Taj Mahal Visit - \$30 NZD per person.

**Overnight: Sk Premium Park or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 15 Delhi, India - New Zealand

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for your return flight to New Zealand.

*Please note:* Some flights may depart in the afternoon/evening and late check out is not provided on this day. Luggage storage facilities are available at the hotel so you may explore Delhi at leisure or make use of hotel common areas before transferring to the airport for your onwards flight.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

### Day 16 Arrive in New Zealand

*Please note:* some flights may arrive + 1 days.

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the highlights of Vietnam and India in one amazing tour
- Discover Vietnam's ancient capital of Hanoi on a guided walking tour
- Drive through the beautiful rice paddy fields in Hanoi
- Sail among the limestone islands of Halong Bay
- Visit a grotto of stalactites and stalagmites
- Witness the incredible Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave in Halong Bay
- Enjoy a Vietnamese cooking class onboard cruise
- Visit a floating pearl farm on Halong Bay
- Walk among the beautiful rice terraces of Sapa
- See the impressive Thac Bac Silver Waterfall
- Walk through the Hoàng Liên Sơn Mountains
- Visit the remote villages of the local indigenous people
- Tour the famed Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur and Agra
- Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal and Agra Fort
- Experience the sights and sounds of vibrant Delhi
- See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque
- Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi
- See colourful Chandni Chowk Market by rickshaw
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan
- Visit the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, City Palace and more
- See Hawa Mahal, also known as Palace of Winds
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells
- Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration

### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL/CHC/\*WLG
- 1-way international flight (economy class) from Hanoi, Vietnam to Delhi,

India with VietJet

### CRUISE

- 1 night cruising beautiful Halong Bay
- Sail aboard a traditional Vietnamese junk boat

### ACCOMMODATION

- 13 nights quality hotel accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy 18 meals including daily breakfast

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English speaking local tour guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Sightseeing and monument entry fees
- Welcome garland on arrival in India

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

### TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers



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*\*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note:* all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 8th December 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$530 applies.

## Departure Dates (2020)

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## Surcharges

*Please note:* dates/months with a \* incur a

flight high season surcharge of \$200 per person.

## Departure Cities

Auckland, Christchurch or \*Wellington

## Departure City Surcharges

\*Wellington: \$150 per person.

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Air New Zealand, Thai Airways, China Southern Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas Airways, Virgin Australia, China Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

*Please note:* One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

### Arrive early in Hanoi, Vietnam

\$220 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

\* 28th March - 27th April 2020

\* 20th June - 19th July 2020

\* 17th September - 11th October 2020

\* 11th - 17th November 2020

### Stay behind in Delhi, India

\$220 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

\* 20th June - 19th July 2020

\* 17th September - 11th October 2020

\* 11th - 17th November 2020

\* 10th December 2020 - 20th January 2021

## Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$500 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$800 one way

Locations:

\* Singapore

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

- Daily breakfast

- Return airport transfers

*Please note:*

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.

- Blackout dates apply on and including the following dates: 18th - 21st September 2020 due to Singapore Grand Prix

- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

## Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available.

- Business Class (New Zealand - Vietnam & India - New Zealand): Starting from



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\$2899 per person

**Please note:**

- \*Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 3 Star (self-rated)

- Hanoi: Hong Ngoc Cochinchine or similar
  - Sapa: Panorama Hotel or similar
  - Delhi: Sk Premium Park or similar
  - Jaipur: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal or similar
  - Agra: Hotel Royal Residency or similar
- No Star Rating
- Halong Bay: Majestic Cruises, Lavender Cruises or similar

**Please note:** rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

### Extra Nights

- Hanoi, Vietnam (Pre Tour): \$75 per room including breakfast.
- Delhi, India (Post Tour): \$120 per room including breakfast.

**Please note:** extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.

**Please note:** Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

### Triple Share

Not available.

### Bedding Configuration

2 x Single or 1 x Queen/King (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 8, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

- Day 4: Traditional Vietnamese Dinner with Water Puppet show - \$55 per person
- Day 12: Culinary Delight Tour - \$30 per person
- Day14: Sunrise Taj Mahal Visit - \$30 per person

**Please note:**

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa for India & Vietnam is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping:
  - \* Vietnam: \$10 NZD per person per day
  - \* India: 300 rupees per person per day
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

**Please note:** A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer



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information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

**Please note:** Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Vietnam:

Vietnam's climate can be divided into a tropical and a temperate zone. It is characterized by strong monsoon influences, has a considerable amount of sun, a high rate of rainfall, and high humidity. July is the hottest month in Hanoi with an average temperature of 29°C and the coldest is January at 17°C with the most daily sunshine hours at 8 in July.

### India:

- Summer: April, May, June; Hot; Very low to moderate humidity; Low precipitation

- Autumn: October, November; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low humidity; Low precipitation

- Winter: December, January; Cool to Cold; Moderate humidity; Low precipitation

- Spring: February, March; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low to moderate humidity; Moderate precipitation

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation

requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

18 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. **Please note;** we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

**Please note:** a general level of fitness will be required. If you will be participating in the walks on days 5 & 6 a moderate level of fitness is recommended (walking on

uneven trails up to 3km in length). If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

### Gratuities / Tipping:

#### Land

##### Vietnam

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$10 NZD per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

##### India

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 300 rupees per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Sightseeing:



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**Please note:** In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

### Vietnam:

A tourist visa for Vietnam is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand passport.

- From December 2017, New Zealand citizens are eligible to apply online for a single entry electronic visa (e-visa), valid for up to a maximum of 30 days. Lodge your application online (for a non-refundable fee) with the Vietnamese National Web Portal of Immigration - <https://www.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/>. You will be given a unique code to track your visa application status. Once your visa is granted, you must print it out and present it at check in. Keep this e-visa print out with you at all times during your travel in Vietnam.

- Some private online visa services and travel agents have scammed travellers or been involved in the public disclosure of the personal information of applicants for visas and 'visa issued on arrival' approval letters. To avoid such scams,

only use official Government of Vietnam services to arrange your visa.

- Visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as currency, customs and quarantine regulations) change regularly. Contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Vietnam for up-to-date information.

### India

A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

**Please note:** Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Post-Purchase Change

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- \$50 NZD per change request post-purchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

