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8. HOTEL Hanoi 3 days 2 nights
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10. BEACH HOTEL & RESORT 3 days 2 nights

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**CODE: VCL-RT1B**

**VIETNAM AT A GLANCE (8DAYS/7NIGHTS)**

**Brief itinerary:**

Day 1: Hanoi arrival. Overnight in Hanoi.  
Day 2: Hanoi city tour. Overnight in Hanoi. (B)  
Day 3: Hanoi-Halong by road. Overnight in Halong. (BL)  
Day 4: Halong-Hanoi airport-Hue by air. Overnight in Hue. (B)  
Day 5: Hue. Overnight in Hue. (BL)  
Day 6: Hue-Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)  
Day 7: Hoi An-Hochiminh city (Saigon)-Mekong Delta by air and road. Overnight in Saigon. (B)  
Day 8: Saigon departure. (B)

**Full itinerary:**

**Day 1 Hanoi arrival**

Arrive in Hanoi. Our driver and guide will pick you up at Noi Bai Airport and transfer to hotel. Check in. Free at leisure after a long haul flight. Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 2 Hanoi (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will start a new interesting day by visiting Temple of Literature-The first University of Vietnam and also an ancient Confucian sanctuary, which was built in the 11 century. Proceed to visit Ho Chi Minh president's complex including mausoleum, his house on stilts, then One Pillar Pagoda, which rises on a one pillar from the middle of a square lotus pond. After visiting Presidential palace with its colonial architecture, we move to West Lake nearby to view the biggest fresh water lake with a shore length of about 10 miles, visit Tran Quoc Pagoda located on an islet of the Lake, it is one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam and a cultural symbol of Vietnamese Buddhism.

In the afternoon, visit Hoa Lo prison, later known to American prisoners of war as the "Hanoi Hilton", was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, only part of the prison exists today as a museum. Continue with walking tour around the old quarter-the oldest continuously developed area of Vietnam. Hanoi's old quarter has a history that spans 1000 years and represent the eternal soul of the city. Each street then had merchants and households specialized in a particular trade, such as silk traders, jewellery, etc. The street names nowadays still reflect these specializations, although few of them remain exclusively in their original commerce. Have a short rest at local coffee shop. Leaving the old quarter with 36 streets, we proceed to Ngoc Son Temple, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century on an island on Hoan Kiem (Restored sword) Lake; it was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi. Initially, the temple was called Ngoc Son Pagoda and was later renamed Ngoc Son Temple, since temples are dedicated to saints. In the evening, you will enjoy water puppet show-the unique art which has its origin in the delta of the Red river in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Water puppetry is performed in a pool of water with the water surface being the stage. The puppeteers stand behind a curtain and control the puppets using long bamboo rods and string mechanism hidden beneath the water surface. Singers of Cheo (a form of opera) with origin in Northern Vietnam sing songs which tell the story being acted out by the puppets. Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 3 Hanoi-Halong (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Halong-the World Heritage and one of the natural wonders. It covers an area of 1500 square km with more than 3000 limestone peaks soaring from its crystalline emerald water. You will have 4 hour boat trip on the bay with sea food lunch on boat, cruising through the emerald waters, between the limestone islands and islets, stopping to visit either the **Thien Cung** or **Sungsoat Cave**. Overnight in Halong.

**Day 4 Halong-Hanoi airport-Hue (by air) (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart from Ha Long to Hanoi airport for 01 hour flight to Hue-the ancient citadel of Vietnam. Arrive in Hue, met and transferred to hotel. Check in. In the afternoon, visit **Imperial Citadel**, built over thirty years in the early part of the 19th century, the Citadel encompasses three 'courts' covering a total of 6 km. The outer court within the massive brick walls, ten

meters thick in places, is mainly open space and gardens. The Imperial City, built along the same lines as the Forbidden Palace in Beijing, was the country's administrative centre. Senior mandarins, court officers and civil servants would have entered by the 'Ngo Mon' (noon gate). Directly behind were the Dai Trieu Nghi (great rites courtyard) and the Thai Hoa Palace (throne hall) where the Emperor would meet foreign rulers and emissaries, high-ranking ministers and other dignitaries. At the heart of the Imperial City was the 'Tu Cam Thanh' (**Forbidden Purple City**). Only members of the royal family, the Emperor's concubines, and trusted senior mandarins and officers such as the royal doctor were allowed through the sole entry gate. Inside were various palaces and the Emperor's private apartments. The next stop of the day is **Dong Ba market**- the biggest and most significant market in both Hue and Central Vietnam. Today, people visit Dong Ba Market not only because they can buy myriad goods and local specialties, but because in their hearts it is a symbol of Hue's culture, the most delicate material cultural traits of the city can be found here in the local traditional products, like Phu Cam conical hat, Hien Luong scissors, etc., and the mentioned delicious specialties. Overnight in Hue.

#### Day 5 Hue-Danang-Hoi An (BL)

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a morning boat trip on Perfume River to **Thien mu pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda)-one of the oldest, built in 1601, and prettiest religious buildings in the country and **Tuduc Tomb**-One of the most beautiful works of Royal architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty. The tomb lies on a boundless pine forest with mounts and lakes. Come by a **local house** and join a lunch with local dishes, then visit **villages of producing bronze and coco hats** nearby. In the afternoon you drive to Hoi An via **Hai Van Pass** with visit of **Langco fishing village**. Hai Van pass is the highest pass of the country, stop on the top for sightseeing and taking pictures. Continue driving to Hoi An, visit **Cham Museum**-built in 1915, it displays an intensive and diverse collection of Champa sculpture dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will have the opportunity to appreciate the eight centuries of evolution of Champa sculpture from its golden age to its decline. Leaving the museum, you will visit another place in Danang city, it is **marble mountains**-the subtle, lyric and poetical ambience of pagodas, grottoes, trees, bushes, sounds the mixed of pagoda bells and murmuring waves and the mysterious legends of sea are all that are not far from the city center, making the mountains a fairy land for tourists for ages, and the **stone curving village** before heading to Hoian. Overnight in Hoi An

#### Day 6 Hoi An (B)

Free at leisure or yourself exploration of the ancient port town with merchant houses, Japanese Covered Bridge, Chinese meeting hall, lantern shops, tailoring....Overnight in Hoi An.

#### Day 7 Hoi An-Danang-Hochiminh city (Saigon) (by air) (B)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Danang airport for flight to Saigon. Pick up and continue with tour to Mekong Delta (My tho). On arrival, cruising along small creek to Mekong River to **Con Phung** (Phoenix Island), visit **fishing harbor**. Visit **orchards, snake farm, bee - keeping farm**, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy **tropical fruit, traditional music in Quy island**, see round a distillery, explore the **local coconut candy production process**, taste candy & coconut pulp-specialty of Ben Tre. On the way back to Ho Chi Minh with stop at bonsai garden in My Tho. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon, with short city tour of Dong Khoi Street, Notre Dame Church, Central Post office. Overnight in Saigon.

#### Day 8 Hochiminh city departure (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for your home flight. The end of the trip.

**CODE: VCL-2B CLASSIC Round trip (13 days 12 nights)**

**CHARMING VIETNAM**

**Brief itinerary:**

Day 1: Hanoi arrival. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi city tour. Overnight in Hanoi. (BL)

Day 3: Hanoi-Hai Phong-Halong bay by road. Overnight in Halong. (B)

Day 4: Halong bay with full day boat trip. Overnight in Halong. (BL)

Day 5: Halong-Hanoi airport-Hue by air. Overnight in Hue. (B)

Day 6: Hue city tour. Overnight in Hue. (BL)

Day 7: Hue-Danang-Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)

Day 8: Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)

Day 9: Hoi An-Danang-Hochiminh city (Saigon) by air-Can Tho by road. (B)

Day 10: Can Tho. Overnight in Can Tho. (BL)

Day 11: Can Tho-Saigon. Overnight in Saigon. (B)

Day 12: Saigon-Tay Ninh Cathedral-Cu Chi underground tunnel. Overnight in Saigon (B)

Day 13: Saigon departure (B)

**Full itinerary:**

**Day 1 Hanoi arrival**

Arrive in Hanoi. Our driver and guide will pick you up at Noi Bai Airport and transfer to hotel. Check in. In the afternoon, **01 hour cyclo tour** around the old quarter. Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 2 Hanoi city tour (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you start a new interesting day by visiting **Temple of Literature**-The first University of Vietnam and also an ancient Confucian sanctuary, which was built in the 11 century. Proceed to visit **Ho Chi Minh president's complex** including mausoleum, his house on stilts, then One Pillar Pagoda, which rises on a one pillar from the middle of a square lotus pond. After visiting **Presidential palace** with its colonial architecture, we move to **West Lake** nearby to view the biggest fresh water lake with a shore length of about 10 miles, visit **Tran Quoc Pagoda** located on an islet of the Lake, it is one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam and a cultural symbol of Vietnamese Buddhism. It is time for light lunch with Pho (noodle soup)-a specialty of Hanoi.

In the afternoon, visit **Hoa Lo prison**, later known to American prisoners of war as the "**Hanoi Hilton**", was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, only part of the prison exists today as a museum. Continue with walking tour around the **old quarter**-the oldest continuously developed area of Vietnam. Hanoi's old quarter has a history that spans 1000 years and represent the eternal soul of the city. Each street then had merchants and households specialized in a particular trade, such as silk traders, jewellery, etc. The street names nowadays still reflect these specializations, although few of them remain exclusively in their original commerce. Have a short rest at **local coffee shop**. Leaving the old quarter with 36 streets, we proceed to **Ngoc Son Temple**, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century on an island on Hoan Kiem (Restored sword) Lake; it was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi. Initially, the temple was called Ngoc Son Pagoda and was later renamed Ngoc Son Temple, since temples are dedicated to saints. In the evening, you will enjoy **water puppet show**.

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### Day 3 Hanoi-Hai Phong-Halong bay (B)

After breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Long Bien railway station. From here, you will take a local train at around 9:20AM for Hai Duong station. In this train you will see how the local daily life and works is. Bus pick up and by road to Hai Phong, it takes about 2h30 to reach the harbor city. Lunch at a restaurant then you will have a short visit of the city before heading to Halong with **fish market, flower market and city theatre**. Arrive in Halong in the late afternoon. Overnight in Ha Long.

### Day 4 Halong bay (BL)

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day boat trip on **Halong bay** -the World Heritage and one of the natural wonders. It covers an area of 1500 square km with more than 3000 limestone peaks soaring from its crystalline emerald water. The boat will take you to visit some caves such as **Thien Cung, Sung Sot** between the limestone islands and islets. Have a fresh seafood lunch on boat. Enjoy a swim or relaxation on **Titop Beach**. Back to hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight in Ha Long.

### Day 5 Halong-Hanoi airport-Hue (by air). (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart from Ha Long to Hanoi airport for 01 hour flight to Hue-the ancient citadel of Vietnam. Arrive in Hue, met and transferred to hotel. Check in. In the afternoon, visit **Imperial Citadel**, built over thirty years in the early part of the 19th century, the Citadel encompasses three 'courts' covering a total of 6 km. The outer court within the massive brick walls, ten meters thick in places, is mainly open space and gardens. The Imperial City, built along the same lines as the Forbidden Palace in Beijing, was the country's administrative centre. Senior mandarins, court officers and civil servants would have entered by the 'Ngo Mon' (noon gate). Directly behind were the Dai Trieu Nghi (great rites courtyard) and the Thai Hoa Palace (throne hall) where the Emperor would meet foreign rulers and emissaries, high-ranking ministers and other dignitaries. At the heart of the Imperial City was the 'Tu Cam Thanh' (**Forbidden Purple City**). Only members of the royal family, the Emperor's concubines, and trusted senior mandarins and officers such as the royal doctor were allowed through the sole entry gate. Inside were various palaces and the Emperor's private apartments. The next stop of the day is **Dong Ba market**- the biggest and most significant market in both Hue and Central Vietnam. Today, people visit Dong Ba Market not only because they can buy myriad goods and local specialties, but because in their hearts it is a symbol of Hue's culture, the most delicate material cultural traits of the city can be found here in the local traditional products, like Phu Cam conical hat, Hien Luong scissors, etc., and the mentioned delicious specialties. Overnight in Hue.

### Day 6 Hue (BL)

After breakfast at hotel, you will start a boat trip on Perfume River to Dinh market, where people make paper machee, then **Thienmu Pagoda** ((Heavenly Lady Pagoda)-one of the oldest, built in 1601, and prettiest religious buildings in the country. Bus pick up from the harbor to a local house near the Tuduc tomb for light lunch with local dishes, visit **villages of producing bronze and coco hats** nearby. Continue to Tuduc Tomb-one of the most beautiful works of Royal architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty. The tomb lies on a boundless pine forest with mounts and lakes. Overnight in Hue.

### Day 7 Hue-Danang-Hoi An (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you drive to Hoi An via **Hai Van Pass** with visit of **Langco fishing village**. Hai Van pass is the highest pass of the country, stop on the top for sightseeing and taking pictures. Continue driving to Hoi An, visit **Cham Museum**-built in 1915, it displays an intensive and diverse collection of Champa sculpture dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will have the opportunity to appreciate the eight centuries of evolution of Champa sculpture from its golden age to its decline. Leaving the museum, you will visit another place in Danang city, it is **marble mountains**-the subtle, lyric and poetical ambience of pagodas, grottoes, trees, bushes, sounds the mixed of pagoda bells and murmuring waves and the mysterious legends of sea are all that are not far from the city center, making the mountains a fairy land for tourists for ages, and the **stone curving village** before heading to Hoian. Arrive Hoi An, visit the ancient town with **merchant houses, Japanese Covered Bridge, Chinese Meeting Hall, lanterns workshops**,...Overnight in Hoi An

### Day 8 Hoian (B)

After breakfast at hotel, start a countryside tour with visiting **Tra Que vegetable village**-here you will get a brief introduction to the history of the village, the cultivation of the vegetables as well as discover the use of vegetables in traditional Vietnamese medicine. You will take a trip around the vegetable garden and join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake, rice **field** with water buffalo, **fishing village**, continue trip to the riverfront side, **coffee stop** at a typical Vietnamese cafeteria. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### **Day 9 Hoi An-Danang-Ho Chi Minh City (by air)-Cantho (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart for Danang airport for flight to Saigon. Pick up and transfer to Mekong Delta. On arrival, cruising along small creek to Mekong River to **Con Phung** (Phoenix Island), visit **fishing harbor**. Visit **orchards, snake farm, bee - keeping farm**, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy **tropical fruit, traditional music in Quy island**, see round a distillery, explore the **local coconut candy production process**, taste candy & coconut pulp-specialty of Ben Tre. Proceed to Can Tho, en route visit **Hoi Linh Co Tu (Hoi Linh ancient pagoda)**-extensively known by its meticulous sculpture arts through distinctive Buddha statues. Check in hotel in Cantho. Overnight.

#### **Day 10 Cantho (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day to discover the life of Mekong Delta with boat trip to **Phong Dien**-floating market with fruit sale and then **Cairang**-another floating market with main items sold of farm products and specialties of Cai Rang Town, seasonal goods. Lunch & visit farms with country side panorama. In addition, you can visit **Binh Thuy Ancient House, Binh Thuy Community House**. Bus picks up back to the city, visit local market. Overnight in Can Tho.

#### **Day 11 Cantho-Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will be back from Cantho to Saigon, stop at **Xeoquit** (in Caolanh)-former base of Vietnamese communists army during the American war. Before arriving Saigon, visit **China town** on the way then continue to view outside of the **Reunification Hall, Post office, Dong khoi walking street, BenThanh market**. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 12 Saigon (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Tay Ninh-home of Caodaism, which is a combination of Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism...attend the ceremony at noon. In the afternoon, visit **Cu Chi underground tunnels**, where local people, guerilla lived and fought during the American war. Return to Saigon. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 13 Saigon departure (B)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for your home flight. The end of the tour.

**INDOCHINA CLASSIC TOURS: HOT PROMOTION**

**CODE: IND-CL 2**

**CLASSIC Cambodia Vietnam Round trip (15days 14 nights) << CAMBODIA VIETNAM PROMOTION>>**

MEAL PLAN: Breakfast + 1 lunch (B: Breakfast / L: Lunch)

**Day 1 PHNOMPENH**

Arrival in Phnom Penh - Transfer - Sightseeing in Phnom Penh – Visit Royal Palace – Visit Wat Phnom - Overnight in Phnom Penh.

**Day 2 PHNOMPENH REP**

Phnom Penh – Siem Reap .Transfer - Flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap - Transfer - Sightseeing Angkor - Visit Angkor Wat - Visit Phnom Bakheng for sunset - Overnight in Siem Reap (B)

**Day 3 SIEMREP**

Sightseeing Angkor - Visit Banteay Srey – Visit Ta Prohm Temple - Visit Angkor Thom - Overnight in Siem Rep

**Day 4 REP SGN CANTHO**

Transfer to airport for flight to SGN (Hochiminh city). Straigh transfer to Cantho. Check in hotel in Cantho

**Day 5 CANTHO HOCHIMINH CITY (SAIGON)**

Boat trip Cai rang floating market, visit fruit gardens then back to Saigon. Visit Xeoquit base on the way.

**Day 6 HOCHIMINH CITY**

City tour Saigon and Cuchi tunnel

**Day 7 HOCHIMINH CITY DANANG HOIAN**

Transfer to Saigon airport for flight to Danang. Meet and transfer to Hoian. Visit Cham Museum, China beach on the way.

**Day 8 HOIAN**

Fullday visit Hoian

**Day 9 HOIAN HUE**

Transfer from Hoian to Hue, with stop on the top of Haivan Pass and langco village. Visit Imperial citadel and local market.

**Day 10 HUE**

Boat trip to Thienmu pagoda, Tu Duc tomb - having lunch at local house near by the tomb. Back to Hue city, visit Tu Hieu pagoda.

**Day 11 HUE HANOI HALONG**

Transfer to airport for flight Hue-Hanoi. Meet and transfer to Halong.

**Day 12 HALONG**

Fullday boat cruise. Viewing limestone moutains, caves, islets with lunch on boat. Sun bathing on the top desk of the boat. Back to hotel in the afternoon.

**Day 13 HALONG HANOI**

Transfer to Hanoi. City tour in Hanoi with old quarter, Ngocson temple.

**Day 14 HANOI**

Breakfast at hotel. Full day city tour Hanoi: Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, Temple of Literature. PM free

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Day 15 DEP

Transfer to airport for flight home. B

**Full itinerary:**

**Day 1 Phnom Penh arrival**

You will be met and picked up from Phnompenh airport. Transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, sightseeing in Phnom Penh with **Royal Palace**- are now home to the royal family and are therefore very closed to the public, At the northern area of the palace grounds is **Silver Pagoda**- the most sacred temple in the country and The **National Museum**, then continue to visit **Central Market, Russian Market**-this market has been known by its English name since 1980s, probably because there were many Russians and Russian goods alike then at this covered market. Here you'll lots of tourist buying gifts and souvenirs. There is also a large section where you can try local dishes or buy refreshment. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

**Day 2 Phnom Penh-Siem Reap (B)**

After breakfast at hotel. You will depart to the airport for flight to Siem Reap. Pick up at the airport, transfer to hotel for check in. In the afternoon, we drive to visit the biggest religious temple in the world - the magnificent **Angkor Watt**. Built by Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Angkor Watt is considered a masterpiece of Khmer architecture. Overnight in Siem Reap.

**Day 3 Siem Reap (B)**

Early morning, we will visit the jungle-covered temple of **Ta Phrom** and come back to hotel for breakfast at 07:30. One hour later, begin your temple exploration today at Angkor Thom City by **west gate**. From the enigmatic faces of **Bayon temple** to the intricate bas reliefs of the **Terrace of the Elephants**, Angkor Thom is filled with fabulous monuments. In the afternoon, we drive to **Banteay Srei**; it is also one of the most beautiful works. Built in 967 AD by Jayavarman V's guru, it showcases the most exquisite, deep and complex carvings in all Khmer architecture and **Preah Khan** meaning "Holy Sword" is one of the largest temple compounds in Angkor and is defended by four concentric walls. The main shrine and its adjoining buildings are richly decorated with Buddhist motifs and scenes from Hindu epics. Overnight in Siem Reap.

**Day 4 Siem Reap-Hochiminh city (Saigon)-Can Tho (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will leave Siem Reap for flight to Saigon. Transfer to airport for flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Pick up and transfer directly to Can Tho. On arrival, cruising along small creek to Mekong River to **Con Phung** (Phoenix Island), visit **fishing harbor**. Visit **orchards, snake farm, bee - keeping farm**, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy **tropical fruit, traditional music in Quy island**, see round a distillery, explore the **local coconut candy production process**, taste candy & coconut pulp-specialty of Ben Tre. Proceed to Can Tho, en route visit **Hoi Linh Co Tu (Hoi Linh ancient pagoda)**-extensively known by its meticulous sculpture arts through distinctive Buddha statues. Check in hotel in Cantho. Overnight.

**Day 5 Can Tho-Saigon (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have atour discover the life of Mekong Delta with boat trip to **Cairang**-floating market with main items sold of farm products and specialties of Cai Rang Town, seasonal goods. Lunch & visit farms with country side panorama. In addition, you can visit **Binh Thuy Ancient House, Binh Thuy Community House**. Bus picks up back to the city, visit local market. Return to Saigon with stop at **Xeoquit** (in Caolanh)-former base of Vietnamese communists army during the American war. Overnight in Saigon.

**Day 6 Saigon-Cu Chi Tunnel (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a half day tour to Cu Chi Tunnels-an amazing underground labyrinth from which the Vietnamese fought during the Vietnam War. Back to Saigon with visit **China town** and **Thien Hau pagoda** en route, visit Dong Khoi Street, Notre Dame Church, Central Post office. Overnight in Saigon.

**Day 7 Saigon-Danang by air-Hoi An (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will take morning flight to Danang in the Center of Vietnam. At the arrival at Danang airport, you will be met and transferred to visit **Cham Museum**-built in 1915; it displays an intensive and diverse collection of Champa sculpture dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will have the opportunity to appreciate the eight centuries of evolution of Champa sculpture from its golden age to its decline. Leaving the museum, you will visit another place in Danang city, it is **marble mountains**-the subtle, lyric and poetical ambience of pagodas, grottoes, trees, bushes, sounds the mixed of pagoda bells and murmuring waves and the mysterious legends of sea are all that are not far from the city center, making the mountains a fairy land for tourists for ages, and the **stone curving village** before heading to Hoi An. Arrive Hoi An, enjoy a walking tour in the ancient town with **merchant houses, Japanese Covered Bridge** (constructed in 1593), **Chinese Meeting Hall, lanterns workshops, Quan Cong Temple**, which was built in 17<sup>th</sup> century, **Phung Hung ancient house, Sa Huynh museum**, which contains many artifacts dating from the Sa Huynh period with Sa Huynh culture-a pre historic Bronze Age civilization that occurred in Vietnam, and more particularly in the central region of the

country near the coast. Most of the articles on display in the Sa Huynh Culture Museum in Hoi An date back to the 1st Millennium BC which is better known as the Iron Age. Overnight in Hoi An.

**Day 8 Hoi An (B)**

Free day at leisure or self exploration of Hoi An ancient trading town. Overnight in Hoi An.

**Day 9 Hoi An–Hue-Hue city tour (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Hue-ancient capital via Hai Van Pass, which is the highest pass of the country, stop on the top for sightseeing and taking pictures, then visit **Langco fishing village** at the foot of the pass. Arrive in Hue. Check in hotel, in the afternoon, visit the old Imperial Citadel, built over thirty years in the early part of the 19th century, the Citadel encompasses three 'courts' covering a total of 6 km. The outer court within the massive brick walls, ten meters thick in places, is mainly open space and gardens. The Imperial City, built along the same lines as the Forbidden Palace in Beijing, was the country's administrative centre. Senior mandarins, court officers and civil servants would have entered by the 'Ngo Mon' (noon gate). Directly behind were the Dai Trieu Nghi (great rites courtyard) and the Thai Hoa Palace (throne hall) where the Emperor would meet foreign rulers and emissaries, high-ranking ministers and other dignitaries. At the heart of the Imperial City was the 'Tu Cam Thanh' (**Forbidden Purple City**). Only members of the royal family, the Emperor's concubines, and trusted senior mandarins and officers such as the royal doctor were allowed through the sole entry gate. Inside were various palaces and the Emperor's private apartments. Overnight in Hue.

**Day 10 Hue (BL)**

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**Day 11 Hue-Hanoi by air-Halong. (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will take morning flight to Hanoi. Airport pick up and transfer directly to Halong Bay-The world heritage and one of the natural wonders. Free at leisure. Overnight in Halong.

**Day 12 Halong (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day boat trip on **Halong bay** -the World Heritage and one of the natural wonders. It covers an area of 1500 square km with more than 3000 limestone peaks soaring from its crystalline emerald water. The boat will take you to visit some caves such as **Thien Cung, Sung Sot** between the limestone islands and islets. Have a fresh seafood lunch on boat. Enjoy a swim or relaxation on **Titop Beach**. Back to hotel in the late afternoon. Overnight in Ha Long.

**Day 13 Halong-Hanoi (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will be back to Hanoi. In the afternoon, you will have a half day tour in Hanoi with with **Ho Lo prison**, later known to American prisoners of war as the "**Hanoi Hilton**", was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, only part of the prison exists today as a museum. Continue with walking tour around the **old quarter**-the oldest continuously developed area of Vietnam. Hanoi's old quarter has a history that spans 1000 years and represent the eternal soul of the city. Each street then had merchants and households specialized in a particular trade, such as silk traders, jewellery, etc. The street names nowadays still reflect these specializations, although few of them remain exclusively in their original commerce. Have a short rest at **local coffee shop**. Leaving the old quarter with 36 streets, we proceed to **Ngoc Son Temple**, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century on an island on Hoan Kiem (Restored sword) Lake; it was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi. Initially, the temple was called Ngoc Son Pagoda and was later renamed Ngoc Son Temple, since temples are dedicated to saints. In the evening, you will enjoy **water puppet show**-the unique art which has its origin in the delta of the Red river in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Water puppetry is performed in a pool of water with the water surface being the stage. The puppeteers stand behind a curtain and control the puppets using long bamboo rods and string mechanism hidden beneath the water surface. Singers of Cheo (a form of opera) with origin in Northern Vietnam sing songs which tell the story being acted out by the puppets. Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 14 Hanoi (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you start a new interesting day by visiting **Temple of Literature**-The first University of Vietnam and also an ancient Confucian sanctuary, which was built in the 11 century. Proceed to visit **Ho Chi Minh president's complex** including mausoleum, his house on stilts, then One Pillar Pagoda, which rises on a one pillar from the middle of a square lotus pond. After visiting **Presidential palace** with its colonial architecture, we move to **West Lake** nearby to view the biggest fresh water lake with a shore length of about 10 miles, visit **Tran Quoc Pagoda** located on an islet of the Lake, it is one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam and a cultural

symbol of Vietnamese Buddhism. It is time for light lunch with Pho (noodle soup)-a specialty of Hanoi. In the afternoon, free at leisure.  
Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 15 Hanoi departure (B)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure until car transfer to the airport for home flight. The end of the tour.

**CODE: IND-CL 1**

**CLASSIC VIETNAM-LAOS-CAMBODIA TOUR - 17days 16 nights**

**Brief itinerary:**

- Day 1: Phnompenh arrival. Half day city tour. Overnight in Phnompenh
- Day 2: Phnompenh-Siem Reap by air. Visit Angkor Watt. Overnight in Siem Reap. (B)
- Day 3: Siem Reap. Visit Angkor Thom. Overnight in Siem Reap. (B)
- Day 4: Siem Reap-Hochiminh city (Saigon) by air. Overnight in Siem Reap. (B)
- Day 5: Saigon-Mekong Delta (My Tho). Overnight in Saigon. (B)
- Day 6: Saigon-Cu Chi Tunnel-Tay Ninh (Cao Dai Cathedral). Overnight in Saigon. (B)
- Day 7: Saigon-Danang-Hoi An by air. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)
- Day 8: Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)
- Day 9: Hoi An-Hue. Hue city tour. Overnight in Hue. (B)
- Day 10: Hue city tour. Overnight in Hue. (B)
- Day 11: Hue-Hanoi by air. Hanoi city tour. Overnight in Hanoi. (B)
- Day 12: Hanoi-Halong. 4 hour boat cruise on the Bay. Overnight in Ha Long. (B, L)
- Day 13: Halong-Hanoi. Half day tour in Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi. (B)
- Day 14: Hanoi-Luang Prabang by air. Luangprabang city tour. Overnight in Luang Prabang. (B)
- Day 15: Luangprabang city tour. Overnight in Luang Prabang. (B)
- Day 16: Luangprabang-Vientiane by air. Vientiane city tour. Overnight in Vientiane. (B)
- Day 17: Vientiane departure. (B)

**Full itinerary:**

**Day 1 Phnom Penh arrival**

You will be met and picked up from Phnompenh airport. Transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, sightseeing in Phnom Penh with **Royal Palace**- are now home to the royal family and are therefore very closed to the public, At the northern area of the palace grounds is **Silver Pagoda**- the most sacred temple in the country and The **National Museum**, then continue to visit **Central Market, Russian Market**-this market has been known by its English name since 1980s, probably because there were many Russians and Russian goods alike then at this covered market. Here you'll lots of tourist buying gifts and souvenirs. There is also a large section where you can try local dishes or buy refreshment. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

**Day 2 Phnom Penh-Siem Reap (B)**

After breakfast at hotel. You will depart to the airport for flight to Siem Reap. Pick up at the airport, transfer to hotel for check in. In the afternoon, we drive to visit the biggest religious temple in the world - the magnificent **Angkor Watt**. Built by Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Angkor Watt is considered a masterpiece of Khmer architecture. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### Day 3 Siem Reap (B)

Early morning, we will visit the jungle-covered temple of **Ta Phrom** and come back to hotel for breakfast at 07:30. One hour later, begin your temple exploration today at Angkor Thom City by **west gate**. From the enigmatic faces of **Bayon temple** to the intricate bas reliefs of the **Terrace of the Elephants**, Angkor Thom is filled with fabulous monuments. In the afternoon, we drive to **Banteay Srei**; it is also one of the most beautiful works. Built in 967 AD by Jayavarman V's guru, it showcases the most exquisite, deep and complex carvings in all Khmer architecture and **Preah Khan** meaning "Holy Sword" is one of the largest temple compounds in Angkor and is defended by four concentric walls. The main shrine and its adjoining buildings are richly decorated with Buddhist motifs and scenes from Hindu epics. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### Day 4 Siem Reap-Hochiminh city (Saigon) (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will leave Siem Reap for flight to Saigon. Transfer to airport for flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). This afternoon, a tour of Ho Chi Minh includes the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the French-style Central Post Office, City Hall, the Opera House, the former Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Visit Ben Thanh Market then Dong Khoi Street, a main shopping street in the center of the city. Overnight at hotel in Saigon.

### Day 5 Saigon-Mekong Delta (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day trip to Mekong Delta (My Tho). On arrival, cruising along small creek to Mekong River to **Con Phung** (Phoenix Island), visit **fishing harbor**. Visit **orchards, snake farm, bee - keeping farm**, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy **tropical fruit, traditional music in Quy island**, see round a distillery, explore the **local coconut candy production process**, taste candy & coconut pulp-specialty of Ben Tre. On the way back to Ho Chi Minh with stop at bonsai garden in My Tho. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon, with short city tour of Dong Khoi Street, Notre Dame Church, Central Post office. Overnight in Saigon.

### Day 6 Saigon-Cao Dai/Tay Ninh-Cu Chi Tunnel (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a day tour to **Tay Ninh**-home of the unique Cao Dai sect which is a mix of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and Christianity. In the afternoon, visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels-an amazing underground labyrinth from which the Vietnamese fought during the Vietnam War. Back to Saigon with visit **China town** and **Thien Hau pagoda** en route. Overnight in Saigon.

### Day 7 Saigon-Danang by air-Hoi An (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will take morning flight to Danang in the Center of Vietnam. At the arrival at Danang airport, you will be met and transferred to visit **Cham Museum**-built in 1915; it displays an intensive and diverse collection of Champa sculpture dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. You will have the opportunity to appreciate the eight centuries of evolution of Champa sculpture from its golden age to its decline. Leaving the museum, you will visit another place in Danang city, it is **marble mountains**-the subtle, lyric and poetical ambience of pagodas, grottoes, trees, bushes, sounds the mixed of pagoda bells and murmuring waves and the mysterious legends of sea are all that are not far from the city center, making the mountains a fairy land for tourists for ages, and the **stone curving village** before heading to Hoian. Arrive Hoi An, enjoy a walking tour in the ancient town with **merchant houses, Japanese Covered Bridge** (constructed in 1593), **Chinese Meeting Hall, lanterns workshops, Quan Cong Temple**, which was built in 17<sup>th</sup> century, **Phung Hung ancient house, Sa Huynh museum**, which contains many artifacts dating from the Sa Huynh period with Sa Huynh culture-a pre historic Bronze Age civilization that occurred in Vietnam, and more particularly in the central region of the country near the coast. Most of the articles on display in the Sa Huynh Culture Museum in Hoi An date back to the 1st Millennium BC which is better known as the Iron Age. Overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 8 Hoi An (B)

Free day at leisure or self exploration of Hoi An ancient trading town. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### Day 9 Hoi An–Hue-Hue city tour (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Hue-ancient capital via Hai Van Pass, which is the highest pass of the country, stop on the top for sightseeing and taking pictures, then visit **Langco fishing village** at the foot of the pass. Arrive in Hue. Check in hotel, in the afternoon, visit the old Imperial Citadel, built over thirty years in the early part of the 19th century, the Citadel encompasses three 'courts' covering a total of 6 km. The outer court within the massive brick walls, ten meters thick in places, is mainly open space and gardens. The Imperial City, built along the same lines as the Forbidden Palace in Beijing, was the country's administrative centre. Senior mandarins, court officers and civil servants would have entered by the 'Ngo Mon' (noon gate). Directly behind were the Dai Trieu Nghi (great rites courtyard) and the Thai Hoa Palace (throne hall) where the Emperor would meet foreign rulers and emissaries, high-ranking ministers and other dignitaries. At the heart of the Imperial City was the 'Tu Cam Thanh' (**Forbidden Purple City**). Only members of the royal family, the Emperor's concubines, and trusted senior mandarins and officers such as the royal doctor were allowed through the sole entry gate. Inside were various palaces and the Emperor's private apartments. Overnight in Hue.

#### Day 10 Hue (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will start a boat trip on Perfume River to Dinh market, where people make paper machee, then **Thienmu Pagoda** ((Heavenly Lady Pagoda)-one of the oldest, built in 1601, and prettiest religious buildings in the country. Bus pick up from the harbor to a local house near the Tuduc tomb for light lunch with local dishes, visit **villages of producing bronze and coco hats** nearby. Continue to Tuduc Tomb-one of the most beautiful works of Royal architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty. The tomb lies on a boundless pine forest with mounts and lakes. Back to the town by vehicle, rest of the day you are free at leisure or discover the city by you own. Overnight in Hue.

#### Day 11 Hue-Hanoi by air. (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will take morning flight to Hanoi. Airport pick up and transfer to downtown for hotel check in. In the afternoon, you will have a half day tour in Hanoi with **Hoa Lo prison**, later known to American prisoners of war as the "**Hanoi Hilton**", was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War, only part of the prison exists today as a museum. Continue with walking tour around the **old quarter**-the oldest continuously developed area of Vietnam. Hanoi's old quarter has a history that spans 1000 years and represent the eternal soul of the city. Each street then had merchants and households specialized in a particular trade, such as silk traders, jewellery, etc. The street names nowadays still reflect these specializations, although few of them remain exclusively in their original commerce. Have a short rest at **local coffee shop**. Leaving the old quarter with 36 streets, we proceed to **Ngoc Son Temple**, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century on an island on Hoan Kiem (Restored sword) Lake; it was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi. Initially, the temple was called Ngoc Son Pagoda and was later renamed Ngoc Son Temple, since temples are dedicated to saints. In the evening, you will enjoy **water puppet show**-the unique art which has its origin in the delta of the Red river in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Water puppetry is performed in a pool of water with the water surface being the stage. The puppeteers stand behind a curtain and control the puppets using long bamboo rods and string mechanism hidden beneath the water surface. Singers of Cheo (a form of opera) with origin in Northern Vietnam sing songs which tell the story being acted out by the puppets. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### Day 12 Hanoi-Halong Bay (B)

After breakfast at hotel, before heading to Halong Bay-The world heritage and one of the natural wonders, you will visit **Ho Chi Minh president's complex** including mausoleum, his house on stilts, then One Pillar Pagoda, which rises on a one pillar from the middle of a square lotus pond. After 3 hour drive to Halong bay, you will enjoy 4 hour boat trip around the bay with fresh seafood lunch, cruising through the emerald waters, between the limestone islands and islets, stopping to visit either the **Thien Cung** or **Sungso Cave**. Return to the pier and transfer to hotel for check in. Overnight in Halong.

#### Day 13 Halong-Hanoi (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will be back to Hanoi. In the afternoon, visit **Temple of Literature**-The first University of Vietnam and also an ancient Confucian sanctuary, which was built in the 11 century. Free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### Day 14 Hanoi-Luang Prabang (B)

After breakfast at hotel, you will take a morning flight to Luang Prabang- ancient capital and a timeless city of Lao. Arrive at the airport; you will be transferred to hotel for check in. In the afternoon, you will visit the impressive stupa of **Wat Visoun** and the shrine of **Watt Aham** and **Watt Mai**. We then climb up to the top of **Mount Phousi** for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a beautiful sunset view of the city and the Mekong River. From there, we explore the **Night Market**, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by the hill tribe and local people surrounding Luang Prabang. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### **Day 15 Luang Prabang- Pak Ou Caves (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will enjoy a short-guided tour seeing the city's oldest temples of **Watt Sene** and the magnificent **Watt Xiengthong** with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. We then embark on a cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside as well as exploring the mysterious **Pak Ou Caves**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by devoted pilgrims. Along the way, we will stop at the village of **Ban Xanghai**, where the local rice wine is produced. On return, we take a short drive to another small village **Ban Phanom**, which famous for its hand weaving. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### **Day 16 Luang Prabang - Vientiane (B)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Vientiane by plane. Pick up and transfer to hotel. After a short rest, you will explore Vientiane capital by visiting the major sights of the capital; including the oldest **Watt Sisaket** with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of **Watt Prakeo**, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. En route to Lao's national precious heritage, the famous and sacred structure of **That Luang Stupa**, you will have the opportunity to take some pictures of the imposing **Patuxay Monument**, which is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. In the afternoon we continue visiting the rest of Vientiane by foot, including **Watt Ong Tue, Watt Inpeng and Watt Haisok**. We pass by the major shopping area continuing to the Vientiane Central Market of **Talad Sao** and **Talad Kouadin** where various goods are displayed for sale; including fresh food, household goods, souvenirs, textiles, gold, silver and antiques. Overnight in Vientiane.

#### **Day 17 Vientiane departure (B)**

Breakfast at hotel, free at leisure until transfer to airport for flight home. End of the tour.

**CODE: VST-N3**

**SHORT TRIP « HANOI SAPA » (5 days / 4 nights)**

Day 1 (Sat): Hanoi-night train to Lao Cai. Overnight on Victoria carriage.

Day 2 (Sun): Lao Cai-Bac Ha Sunday market-Sapa. Overnight in Sapa (B)

Day 3 (Mon): Sapa light trekking tour to Cat Cat and Tavan villages. Overnight in Sapa (B)

Day 4 (Tue): Sapa-Cocly market-Lao Cai-night train to Hanoi. Overnight on Victoria carriage (BL)

Day 5 (Wed): Arrive in Hanoi

**SAT Hanoi-Sapa (night train)**

Pick up at your hotel, transfer to Hanoi railway station for night train to Lao Cai. Overnight on Victoria express train. With its elegant carriages, the Victoria Express Train recalls a more romantic era. Passing through the exotic landscapes of North Vietnam, between the charming cities of Hanoi and Lao Cai.

**SUN Lao cai-Sapa (BL)**

You will arrive at Lao Cai station in the early morning. Our guide and driver will meet you up. Hot breakfast at a local restaurant. Then drive to **Bac Ha for Sunday market** (Sunday only). This is a big market filled with many different hill-tribe peoples. It is the most colorful market in North Vietnam. At the market, you have chance to enjoy Bac Ha people's simple but unique kinds of food with special wines made from rice, cassavas, corn and different sorts of fruits such as plums, apples, peaches...Continue to **the H'Mong King's house (King Hoang A Tuong-** a tribal mandarin under the domination of the French colony) built by the French colonists and the Chinese in 1920. In the afternoon drive to Sa Pa. Overnight at Victoria Hotel.

**MON Sapa (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day tour of Sapa with trekking to **Catcat village** about 2km from Sapa. This is an age-old village of H'Mong ethnic group remaining unique customs and practices that are lost in other villages, then to **Tavan village-** home of Giay people, who look more like the traditional Viet living the Red delta. Afternoon climb to **Hamrong Mountain** for panorama view of the town, visit the orchid gardens with beautiful and colorful flowers. Overnight at Victoria Sapa in Sapa.

**TUE Sapa-Coc ly market-Lao cai-night train to Hanoi (BL)**

After a breakfast at hotel. You will start a trip to Coc Ly market (Tuesday only); it takes about 2.5 hours from Sapa by drive. You visit the market with its entire colorful ethnic people such as Flower Hmong, Phu La and Dao Tuyen who gathers to buy and sell. Have lunch in a local restaurant before leaving and drive to **Trung Do village** - inhabited by Tay minority. From the village we go by boat down the river, where we experience the magnificent sight of the beautiful caves and bustling life on the riverbank. The boat trip takes us about 2-2 1/2 hours before you are picked up by driver. You will be taken back to Lao Cai for night train back to Hanoi on Victoria Carriage.

**WED Hanoi arrival**

Arrive Hanoi in the early morning. Transfer to hotel. The end of the tour

**CODE: VST-C2**

**SHORT TRIP «CENTRAL HIGHLAND» (4 days / 3 nights) from HCMC**

**Brief itinerary:**

Day 1: Hochiminh city (Saigon)-Lak Lake. Overnight in Lak Lake (BL)

Day 2: Lak Lake-Buon Me Thuat. Overnight in Buon Me Thuat. (BL)

Day 3: Don village-Buon Me Thuat-Nha Trang. Overnight in Nha Trang (BL)

Day 4: Nha Trang-Saigon by air.(B)

**Detailed itinerary:**

**Day 1 Hochiminh city (Saigon)-Lak Lake (BL)**

Our driver and guide will meet and pick you up from your hotel in Saigon. You will have an interesting trip on the mountainous roads to Buon Me Thuat (nearly 280km from Saigon), visit **Draysap waterfall** and **Ede minority village**. In the afternoon, you will reach **Lak Lake**-an awakening tourist place covers 600 hectares in the rainy season, but shrinks to 400 hectares surrounded by rice paddies in the dry, it is about 60 km south of Buon Ma Thuot. Overlooking the lake is the old summer residence of Emperor Bao Dai which has been renovated into a hotel. Surrounding the lake is **Jun Village**, home of the Jun people. Overnight in Lak Lake. (BL)

**Day 2 Lak Lake-Buon Me Thuat (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have an elephant ride across to the North lakeside, then back by small boat. Continue to **Yok Don National Park**- home to 67 mammal species, 38 of which are listed as endangered in Indochina, and 17 of those endangered worldwide. The park habitats accommodate elephants, tigers and leopards, as well as nearly 250 different species of bird. After that, you will visit some minorities in **Ban Don Village**. Lunch in local restaurant, dinner and overnight in Buon Ma Thuot.

**Day 3 Buon Me Thuat-Nhatrang (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel. You will continue to Nha Trang with lunch en route. Visit Po Nagar Tower -2 kilometers from Nha Trang city center, it is on a 20m high hill looking out over the sea. The tower was built 900 or 1,000 years ago as a religious structure by the Cham people and the culture of the Cham is infused in the architecture and sculpture that make up the tower, it is standing through the ages with historical events flowing around it. Leaving the tower, you will visit **Dam market** right in the center of the city, which was built around 1908; this market was called "Dam" because it used to be a 7 hectare pond, which was a way through Cai river outlet. Because of its long existence, Dam market has become a part of the way of life for local Nha Trang people. The market is Nha Trang main Trade Center with all types of local goods, domestic and foreign articles and especially dried sea foods. Overnight in Nha Trang.

**Day 4 Nhatrang-Saigon by air (B)**

After breakfast, you will visit the **National Oceanographic Museum**, which houses a diverse collection of ocean creatures and conducts marine research. Since its establishment in 1923, the Institute of Oceanography has collected and preserved more than 20,000 specimens and more than 4,000 sea and freshwater species. The institute also has a number of live specimens in their aquariums. After that, you will have a boat trip to **Mun Island**, where you stop for fishing & snorkeling. Relax & swim on your own time. On the way back to the shore, a short visit to fishing village to see the fresh shrimp, zoo groupers, sea crab raised in floating cages. Car and guide transfer you to the airport for evening flight to Saigon. The end of the tour.

**CODE: VST-S1**

**SHORT TRIP « MEKONG DELTA » (6 days / 5 nights) from HCMC**

**Brief itinerary:**

Day 1: Hochiminh city (Saigon) arrival. Half day Saigon tour. Overnight in Saigon. (L)

Day 2: Saigon-Vinh Long- Cai Be floating market. Cantho. Overnight in Cantho. (BL)

Day 3: Cantho-SocTrang-Visit Cai rang and Phung Hiep floating markets. Overnight in Can Tho. (BL)

Day 4: Can Tho-Thot not with visit of Bang Lang stork garden-Chau Doc. Overnight in Chau Doc. (BL)

Day 5: Chau Doc with visit of Ba Chua Xu Temple, Sam mountain-Cao Lanh (Xeo quy-t-old battle base) – Saigon (BL)

Day 6: Saigon departure (B)

**Full itinerary:**

**Day 1 Saigon arrival (L)**

Arrive in Hochiminh city, welcome and transfer to the downtown for short tour with **Dongkhoi walking street, History or War Museum, BenThanh market**, outside of **Reunification Palace, Former US Embassy**. Overnight in Saigon.

**Day 2 Saigon-Vinh Long-Cantho (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will visit **China town** and **Thien hau pagoda** before departing to Can Tho. On arriving in Cai Be, start the motorized boat to visit the **Cai Be Floating Market**, experience how people exchanging goods, fruit and many other commodities on their vessels. You will roam into the small villages to visit the orchard, fruit plantation...Keep cruising to Vinh Long through small canals to enjoy the charm of the Upper Mekong Delta. Visit **some handmade family business products such as the coconut candy mill**, the crispy rice popcorn. Arrive in **Binh Hoa Phuoc village**-the green pearl of Vinh Long town where you can indulge yourself into the nature. Have lunch with fresh river food served in the heart of the garden. Enjoy the southern Vietnamese traditional folk music. Take a nice walk through the bonsai garden. Continue to Can Tho. Overnight in Can Tho.

**Day 3 Cantho-Soc Trang-Cantho (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will have a full day to discover the life of Mekong Delta with boat trip to **Cairang**-another floating market with main items sold of farm products and specialties of Cai Rang Town, seasonal goods. Depart to Phung Hiep, get a long tail engined boat to see **Phung Hiep floating market** with seven river-corners. Land up the local market to "bargain" for some products here and have a look at snake – turtle shops, basketry groups, and boat making workshops turtle shops, basketry groups, and boat making workshops. Arrive in Soc Trang, visit Kh'Leang Pagoda, originally built from bamboo in 1533, it had a complete rebuild in 1905 (this time using concrete). There are seven religious festivals held here every year that are worth seeing - people come from outlying areas of the province for these events. Even outside of festival times, Khmer people drop in regularly to bring donations and pray. Continue to **Bat pagoda** where thousands of bats are hanging on the trees around, **Buu Son Tu (Clay-pagoda)** where almost every statue was made of clay. Back to Can Tho by car. Overnight in Can Tho.

**Day 4 Cantho-Chaudoc (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will depart to Chau Doc-a border town with Cambodia, and it is also a major hub of trade along the Mekong, with stop in Thot Not to visit Bang Lang Stork Garden-one of the biggest bird sanctuaries in the Mekong Delta, the 3.4ha garden is home to more than 600,000 birds of various kinds. Proceed to Chau Doc via Long Xuyen, visit the **incense stick village**, the **Crocodile farm**. Lunch at local restaurant. Arrive Chau Doc in the afternoon. A highlight of our visit to this region is an interesting boat trip on the Hau River to a **fishing breeding farm**, and a **small Muslin community at Cham village**, from the boat, you will have a chance to view sunset over mighty Mekong River. Overnight in Chau Doc.

**Day 5 Chaudoc-Cao Lanh-Saigon (BL)**

After breakfast at hotel, you will explore the sacred **Ba Chua Xu (Country Lady) Temple** at the foot of Sam Mountain. The return trip to Saigon begins as we depart this border town. A part of the pleasure of travelling in this region is the simple joy of seeing the rice fields and the smiling faces of the people. On arrival we board a boat for an exploration of the **Xeo Quit Forest** which was once a stronghold of the communist troop during the American war. This boundless cajeput forests are dissevered by numerous narrow canals surrounded by aquatic grass and plants, tall trees and vines. The cool and humid air mixing with the fragrance of flowers as well as the beautiful songs of birds in the quiet environment makes for an unforgettable excursion. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon. Overnight in Saigon.

**Day 6 Saigon departure (B)**

After breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure until car transfer to the airport for home flight. The end of the tour.

