



Road trip in Vietnam

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Program description

Begin your incredible road trip journey from Ho Chi Minh City to our stunning cities, beaches, and heritage sites on an action-packed 21-day tour. Get ready for an unforgettable 21-day odyssey in Vietnam that goes beyond the ordinary. This journey is a fusion of cultural immersion, community engagement, and thrilling adventures.

During the first week, you'll immerse yourself in meaningful work at a food outreach program, where you'll lend a hand to underprivileged individuals and families. This experience offers a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the community and contribute to a cause close to your heart. In the second week, after delving into the city's culinary delights, you'll embark on an exhilarating journey along the country's breathtaking coastline. Explore pristine beaches, with crystal-clear waters and golden sands, while engaging in a variety of exciting activities such as snorkeling, kayaking, or simply soaking up the sun.

Whether you're seeking adventure or relaxation, the coastal wonders of Vietnam promise an unforgettable experience.

About the Food Outreach Program

In Ho Chi Minh City, many locals face the challenge of expensive and unaffordable food. Thankfully, local soup kitchens offer accessible meals every lunchtime to those in need. Your support is crucial to maintain these kitchens and ensure they continue serving meals to the community.

The meals provided by these soup kitchens are available at a fraction of the cost of other options. The soup kitchens are well-frequented and serve up to 600 meals daily to low-income workers, the elderly, and others who require lunch.

Additional equipment

- Shoes suitable for hiking
- Modest Attire: Clothes that cover shoulders and knees for visits to temples or cultural sites.
- Waterproof Jacket or Poncho
- Swimwear (for beach and water activities)
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Light Sweater or Jacket: For cooler mornings or evenings.
- Comfortable Shoes: Sneakers or walking shoes
- First-aid kit (medications, sunscreen, insect repellent, rehydration tablets)
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.)
- Day pack, small travel towel, reusable water bottle
- Moneybelt, locks for bags
- Personal entertainment (books, cards, music player)
- Daypack or small backpack (for excursions)
- Snacks (for long travel days)
- Waterproof bags to keep electronics safe.
- Power Bank, for charging devices on the go.
- Travel Pillow (for train or long bus rides)



Schedule

Day 1: Pick-Up

- Upon arrival at the airport, you'll be greeted by a local guide or driver who will take you to your accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City. Check-in, relax, and acclimate to the surroundings.
- Meals: Dinner
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 2: Vietnamese Language & Culture class

- Meeting with the local team
- Neighbor Exploring
- Vietnamese language & culture class
- Dinner and Karaoke night
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Participant Accommodation

Day 3 - 7: Food Outreach program

- Hours: 7: 00-13:00
- Cooking meals
- Serving customers
- Cleaning up after meal times
- Free time in the afternoon
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Accommodations: Participant Accommodation

Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City Highlights

- Morning: Visit the historic War Remnants Museum to learn about the Vietnam War.
- Afternoon: Explore the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon and the Central Post Office, iconic colonial-era landmarks.
- Evening: Stroll around Ben Thanh Market, a bustling night market, and try local street food for dinner.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

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Day 9-10: Mekong Exploration

- Row through small canals on a sampan, visit a village, explore local workshops, and taste fresh fruits and honey tea.
- Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda showcasing Vietnamese, Chinese, and Cambodian architecture.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 11: Cooking class & bracelet making

- Morning: Visit the local wet market and see local life. Join a cooking class- learn how to cook like a Vietnamese
- Afternoon: Bracelet Making
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 12: Cu Chi Tunnel Excursion

- Full-day excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground network used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Explore the tunnels, learn about their history, and try your hand at shooting at a nearby shooting range.
- Dinner with locals: Visit the market, pick fresh ingredients, and cook and eat with a local family.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 13: Leisure Day in HCMC

- Enjoy your free day in Vietnam's largest city with suggested activities at your expense: go swimming, enjoy a relaxing massage, attend an art workshop, go shopping, visit parks, explore local markets, and try tasty Vietnamese cuisine.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

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Day 14: Monkey Island

- Visit Monkey Island (home to over 1000 natural monkeys), Hoa Ca Crocodile, and other mangrove animals. Sit in a canoe to experience the journey through the Mangrove Forest system (Sac Forest).
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 15: HCM to Nha Trang

- Morning: Journey from HCM to Nha Trang,
- Afternoon: Arrive in Nha Trang, check into your accommodation, and explore Nha Trang Beach.
- Evening: Enjoy a seafood dinner at a beachfront restaurant/explore nightlife (own expense).
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 16: Nha Trang

- Morning: - Embark on an exciting boat trip to explore four beautiful islands. Activities may include snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, and having lunch on the boat.
- Evening: Explore the Nha Trang Night Market for local souvenirs and try street food.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

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Day 17: Nha Trang to Hoi An

- Morning: Visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers, an ancient Hindu temple complex with a rich history.
- Long Son Temple, is known for its impressive white Buddha statue.
- Afterward, pamper yourself with a mud bath experience at one of the city's well-regarded spa centers at your own expense)/Relax at the beach
- Evening: Take an overnight bus to Hoi An.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 18: Hoi An

- Morning: Arrive in Hoi An and check into your accommodation. After a long bus journey, take it easy in the morning.
- Afternoon: Explore Hoi An's ancient town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through the well-preserved streets, visit historic buildings, and admire the lantern-lit evenings.
- Evening: Enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant in the ancient town.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 19: Hoi An

- Taking a boat trip, each coracle accommodates only two people, and you will row along the river and through coconut groves; this is an exciting and unique experience that you should try.
- In the evening, participate in the enchanting tradition of releasing lanterns into the Hoai River.
- Experience the vibrant nightlife of Hoi An, with various restaurants, bars, and street performances.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

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Day 20: Da Nang

- Morning: Take a bus from Hoi An to Da Nang, which is about an hour away. Visit the Marble Mountains, a cluster of five marble and limestone hills with caves, temples, and panoramic views.
- Afternoon: Explore the Museum of Cham Sculpture in Da Nang to learn more about the ancient Cham civilization.
- Relax on one of Da Nang's beautiful beaches or explore the Son Tra Peninsula, known for its lush greenery and pristine nature.
- Evening: Stroll along the Han River promenade and enjoy the vibrant city lights.
- Meals: Breakfast and Lunch
- Accommodations: hostel

Day 21: Da Nang

- End of the trip
- Depending on your flight schedule you may have time to swim at the beach, walk around the city, or visit the local market
- Meals: Breakfast only

*This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.