

Central Viet Nam Overland

Overview

Rose Travel offers travel itineraries for travelers seeking authentic experiences in Vietnam central highlands. The tour links the Oceanic and ancient Hoi An to the highlands. It make a chance for a truly excursion away form bustling downtown.

Itinerary

Day 1:

Hue City tour

Guide and car pick you up at the hotel for the morning boat trip on the peaceful Perfume river. Disembark to visit the serene Thien Mu Pagoda and the Emperor Tu Duc tomb. Constructed between 1864 and 1867, it was more of a pleasure garden than a tomb and the emperor used it as his second residence before his death. Stop at the village nearby to learn how to make conical hat and colorful incense.

Lunch at local restaurant. You may have an optional lunch at Buddhist monarch, prepared by Buddhist nuns.

The afternoon trip, explore Khai Dinh tomb. Heading onto downtown for Imperial Citadel walking tour, includes Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynastic Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace, and ruins of Forbidden Purple City. Through these historical sites, you will obtain a deep understanding about King's philosophy of geomancy and how this affected to royal life.

Overnight in Hue.

Day 2:

Hue – Hoi An

Leave Hue for Hoi An. The 160 km journey goes through the beautiful peninsula of Lang Co between the crystal waters of a lagoon and the Pacific Ocean. We pass over the spectacular Hai Van pass (Pass of the Ocean Clouds') where the views are stunning.

Drive down to busy streets in Danang beach town. Lunch stop.

Known under the French as Tourane, Danang succeeded Hoi An as the most important port in Central Vietnam during the 19th century. Today, this raising beach city is famed rendezvous for locals during summer time. Still, much tourist love to stop by China Beach, where American soldiers once rested and is now once again becoming a popular beach resort.

The afternoon tour, we climb the Marble Mountain, Thuy Son (Water), over the stone stairs. On top, there is a panoramic view of the nearby countryside and open Ocean views. Visit Huyen Khong cave before entering Tam Thai and Linh Ung pagoda.

Drive to Hoi An for overnight.

Day 3:

Hoi An City Tour

After breakfast, we start a walking tour with numerous places of interest: the 400-year old Japanese Covered Bridge, the Phuc Kien Assembly Halls, museum, private family's ancient

house. Follow the narrow lanes lined, we walk through houses influenced by Chinese, Japanese, French and European architectures.

Lunch stop at local restaurant.

Start riding “ Xich Lo” through the opposite site of Hoi An River bank where you can take Hoi An panoramic view. We cycle through fields, farms and gardens of the village before boarding the boat trip along Thu Bon river to Cua Dai estuary.

The Thu Bon river starts from the mountains along Truong Son range, and flows through some remote valleys, jungles before goes to Hoi An. Thanks to the reddish silt, the crops and water - coconut grow densely and impressively.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 4:

Hoi An – Ba Hon

Leave Hoi An for hilly Ban Hon Village Home Stay. Heading onto Marble Mountains via highway along the beaches. Visit the Marble Mountains and famed stone- carving village. Optional abseiling into the temple inside Hell’s Cave. Keep driving to the far West for hilly Dong Giang. The drive takes us through the pristine mountain scenery of central Vietnam.

Lunch en route. Check in the village homestay.

We spend the afternoon to enjoy an easy-paced village trek crossing sections of the original Ho Chi Minh Trail, mountain hot springs and river swimming, or just relax and soak up the atmosphere of the village life.

Enjoy spectacular set up dinner with village, jungles specialties and interact with local families.

You may love to taste the local herbal wine, named Ta Vat before falling into sleep.

Overnight on Ba Hon village on stilt – house amongst the Ca Tu minority.

Day 5:

Ba Hon – Buon Ma Thuot

After home-stay breakfast, depart for Ho Chi Minh Trails drive through beautiful mountain passes, hill – tribe sparse villages to Kontum.

Ho Chi Minh Trail was the artery of life feeding the Viet Cong fighting in the South with much needed food, ammunition, weapons and medicine. The trail that became known as Hanoi’s road to victory stretched 16,000 km in total and consisted of main roads, smaller arteries and numerous detours.

Arrive Buon Ma Thuot, keep driving to southeast for Lak Lake.

Enjoy the tranquil waterfront or enjoy the Gongs music and dancing show with locals. Gongs and its music is known as the intangible Heritage of Vietnam, Highlands.

Overnight in Lak Lake resort.

Day 6:

Buon Ma Thuot – Nha Trang

Enjoy a dugout canoe ride on the lake, and then mount an elephant for a trek through M’Nong hill- tribe villages.

The Lak lake has an area of some 500 hectares. This tranquil lake bounded with mountains has been home to many kinds of wetland birds and lotus. The lake was a favorite temporary stop of Nguyen King, Bao Dai during his hunting trip. Jun village (Buon Jun) is the typical commune of the M’Nong, one of the several groups of ethnic minority on the central Highlands.

After lunch depart for Nha Trang over historical Highway 28.

Visit and sipping coffee at the Trung Nguyen Coffee Village on M’drak with thousands items of Vietnam coffee history and cultivation.

Arrive Nha Trang for overnight.

Day 7:

Nha Trang

Following breakfast, leave the bustling beach town for private boat trip offshore island in Nha Trang Bay. Visit some of the nearby islands with opportunities to swim and snorkel in the clear warm waters. Enjoy the turquoise water and beaches in a slow mood.

Nha Trang is known for its year - round sunny weather, tropical beaches and island resorts.

Enjoy a sumptuous, seafood lunch on board before back to mainland.

Visit Po Nagar Cham Towers and its busy life near Xom Bong scenic bridge or relax at stylish downtown sitting lounge.

In the evening, you may love to enjoy the Seafood BBQ at local restaurant. Certainly, time to enjoy Viet astronomy with sights and sounds

Overnight in Nha Trang.

Day 8:

Nha Trang – Phan Thiet

Drive for over 200 km down South for Phan Rang beach town. Stop for a break and visit the 13th century Po Klong Jarai Cham Towers perched high on a rocky hill surrounded by prickly pear cacti. After Phan Rang Highway One, keep driving along the coast to Phan Thiet.

Visit Phan Thiet sandunes before arrive the hotel.

Hotel check in. End tour.