

# Travelling Femmes

## Vietnam Vaycay – Hidden Treasures of Hoi An



Join us on an unforgettable journey to Hoi An, Central Vietnam. Travel through the enchanting streets of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed town, where history, culture, and culinary delights await. From lantern-lit evenings to vibrant markets, Hoi An will transport you to a world of enchantment.

7 days/6 nights from \$2895\* pp twin share | departs Perth 12 March 2024

### INCLUSIONS

- Return Airfares from Perth to Danang (via Saigon) with Vietnam Airlines
- Aspire Airport Lounge Access in Perth
- Vietnam Entry Visa
- 6 nights in Hoi An at Bel Marina Hoi An Resort- Premier Deluxe Rooms
- 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 2 Dinners
- Hoi An Street Food Tour by Vespa
- Walking Tour & Lantern Making Class
- Cooking Class
- My Son Temple Half Day Tour
- Cocktail (or mocktail) Night Experience By Foot
- Private Transfers and Transport with English Speaking Guides
- Escorted by Travelling Femmes Hosts, Linda & Charlotte

### CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE!

#### Optional Tours Day 5

Ba Na Hills – Golden Bridge

Or

Farming & Fishing- Local Life in Hoi An Tour



\*Prices based on twin share, single supplement available at a cost of \$630. Airfares ex Perth included however subject to availability at the time of booking. Payment of airfares and tour deposit required at the time of booking (approx. \$1350). Itinerary subject to change due to factors beyond our control. A minimum of 10 travellers required for guaranteed group departure. Travel Insurance is mandatory, please contact us for more info.

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# Your itinerary

## Vietnam Vacay- Hidden Treasures of Hoi An 7 days/6 nights Hoi An

### Day 1: Depart Perth, arrive Hoi An

Due to flight times, check at Perth International Airport will be on the evening of 11 March. To get our adventure started, join us for drinks and nibbles in the Aspire Lounge!

Welcome to Vietnam!! On arrival into Danang we will be greeted by our driver who will transport us to our accommodation in Hoi An.

At 5.30pm, be ready for our vespa tour!

Immerse yourself in the vibrant Hoi An dining scene as we ride pillion in vintage Vespa's along the riverside and through alleyways and busy streets, tasting the best local dishes and street food. Free flowing drinks and food included, so bring a healthy appetite!

We zoom through the bustling roads to a lantern-lit islet, then jump in a boat for a slow cruise along the banks of the ancient town. We join the locals for more splendid starters overlooking the river and enjoy a few cold beers. A leisurely drive takes us to a lively restaurant where we cook tabletop and enjoy a hot pot while learning the art of wrap 'n' roll – Vietnamese style! We continue our journey to our last port of call, and a recent addition to Hoi An's vibrant dining scene - a modern local restaurant to savor some Vietnamese BBQ dishes and then finish the night with a refreshingly light dessert.

Meals: Dinner

### Day 2: Hoi An Walking Tour & Lantern Making Class

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel we meet our guide for a walking tour of Hoi An ancient town.

Hoi An old quarter which known as Faifo to early Western traders, Hoi An was one of the major trading centre in South East Asia between the 16th & 17th centuries. A charming 16th century merchant town, with strong Japanese and Chinese influences, Hoi An is best explored on foot. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well-preserved architecture, it is also a thriving center of traditional handicrafts. We wander through the cobbled streets, past low tile-roofed buildings, the bustling central market and the small harbor where colorfully painted boats are moored. Our walking tour will include visits to a private house where members of the same family have lived continuously for centuries in a traditional setting to one of the family chapels built by prominent merchant or official families as centers for ancestor worship. Continue to Sa Huynh Museum which contains exhibitions from the earliest period of Hoi An's history.

Finally, continue to the famous Japanese Covered Bridge Pagoda, first constructed in 1593 by the Japanese community of HoiAn to link the town with the Chinese quarters across the stream.

Lunch will be enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Afterwards, our guide will take us to a Lantern making class – an amazing way to spend time with our group and make your own colorful lantern by hand.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

### Day 3: Grandma Cooking Class

Today we will embark by boat to join a host family's village on a small island on the river delta of Hoi An.

We will set off to visit the gardens of the local farmers to discover the herbs and spices used in the daily preparation of Vietnamese cuisine.

From here, we will go to host family's home where you will begin our cooking lesson...

After a welcome drink, we will learn how the rice paper used in "nems" is prepared and make your own using the stone grind used by grandmothers to make rice flour, and learn how to prepare several typical dishes of this region.

Today's class will have you preparing 4 dishes including a visit to the local herb garden, you'll make rice milk the traditional way and make your own rice paper!

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

### Day 4: My Son Visit Half Day Tour

Today we embark on a history lesson as we explore the remains and ruins of the Cham Kingdom in My Son. Located in a lush valley, My Son now remains with red brick towers and sanctuaries. In fact, My Son is comparable to other big icons in Southeast Asia, like Angkor Wat in Cambodia, Ayutthaya in Thailand and the Borobudur in Indonesia. The ruins and temples of My Son have been dated as being from the 7th to the 13th century.

After our half day tour we have lunch at local restaurant in Hoi An.

The afternoon will be at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch



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### Day 5 Day at Leisure / Optional Tour

Today you have the option to 'Choose your Adventure' and join us on one of our optional tours or alternatively you have the day to explore Hoi An on your own. You may like to chill by the pool, hire a bike or maybe even venture out to the beaches of Cua Dai or An Bang.

If you choose to join us today, both tour options are incredible experiences!

Join Linda for a full day to Ba Na Hills- Golden Bridge Tour or Charlotte on a Hoi An Farming & Fishing Tour- Local Life in Hoi An Tour.

#### **Ba Na Hills – Golden Bridge Tour**

**8am – 5pm \$285 per person**

Ba Na Hills is a breathtaking mountain resort and entertainment complex perched high in the Truong Son Mountains, just outside the coastal city of Da Nang. Ba Na Hills is renowned for its stunning natural beauty, cooler climate, and a host of captivating attractions.

Upon arrival we'll be transported to this mountain oasis by the world-famous Ba Na Cable Car, which holds several Guinness World Records (the longest cable car in the world at 5801m) and offers breathtaking panoramic views of the lush landscape below. You will get to take a look at Vong Nguyet Hills, Linh Ung Pagoda, Thich Ca Phat Dai, Old French horse stables, Meditation Garden. Buffet lunch will be served at Ba Na Hills.

After lunch, continue to visit Golden Bridge, which has recently opened in June 2018 and considered the highlight of this area. At the height of 4600 feet (about 150m) above sea level, the Golden bridge combines

eight sections and stretches 500 feet long. This Instagram-worthy landmark has become an international sensation as the bridge appears to be held up by colossal, life-like stone hands and offers incredible views of the surrounding area.

Here is also your opportunity to join in hundreds of games in Fantasy Park – one of the biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with a series of interesting games.

#### **Farming & Fishing- Local Life in Hoi An**

**8am – 3pm \$175 per person**

This morning we will be met by our guide and transferred to our starting point. First up is a 45 minute (5-6km) leisurely bike ride to a local farming village, travelling along the picturesque country roads. Share in the daily work life of local farmers- hoeing their soil, watering their organic herb gardens and riding water buffalo in the fields.

Next we'll board a boat, enjoy fruit and cake with a cup of tea or coffee and then cruise to the mouth of the river where it meets the Cua Dai Sea. Join local fisherman on the river and enjoy hands-on experience of round net and cast fishing. Next we learn how to paddle Vietnamese basket boats and explore the tranquil coconut palm waterways!

Meals: Breakfast (Lunch included on Tours)

#### **Day 6 Cocktail Night Experience on Foot**

Today is our last day in Hoi An and the last opportunity to enjoy it! Today is at leisure until we regroup at 5pm for our Cocktail Experience!

This evening we take a walk down the ancient streets and sip on the towns most

sensational cocktails in secret locations. At each stop in Old Town, you will discover curated cocktails made using a local, authentic touch. As we wander through ancient alleyways, you'll hear untold stories from our knowledgeable host. Working hand in hand with some of Central Vietnam's top mixologists and local producers, a selected signature cocktail unique to each stop is designed to tantalize your taste buds the whole night through. This is not a traditional tour, this experience will connect us to the best hidden bars, secret spaces and off-limits private homes. Mocktail options will also be available.

Our cocktails will be paired with simple yet delicious snacks however if you're still hungry we'd love you to join us for dinner afterwards!

Meals: Breakfast

#### **Day 7 Departure**

All good things come to an end and today unfortunately is the end of our journey.

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before checking out. We will then meet with our driver who will transport us to the airport for our mid-morning flight departure.

Meals: Breakfast