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Highlights



Saigon & Hanoi

Also referred to as Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), this is Vietnam's largest and most dynamic city, that is currently enjoying the fruits of Vietnam's economic boom. Lavish hotels, decadent restaurants and trendy nightspots are continually added to the cityscape. Yet against the backdrop of new-found confidence, frenetic development and urban bustle, the boutique charm of HCMC still lives on amongst the tree-lined boulevards and quaint wooden shops, and is acclaimed for its Vietnamese crafts, an emerging art scene and a dining pleasures.

In the heart of the Red River Delta, the Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi blends the old world charm with the dynamism of a rising Asian city. Its legacy as a former French colonial city is still evident from the French-inspired features - lakes and parks, colonial architecture and broad tree-lined boulevards - that still dot the present cityscapes. When compared with Ho Chi Minh City, the economic powerhouse in the south, Hanoi still retains a romantic and elegant atmosphere.

Halong Bay

The perfect way to see the UNESCO World Heritage area of Halong Bay is to spend a night aboard a charming boat. The mystical scenery of Halong Bay where thousands of limestone islands jut out of the emerald sea, sculpted into bizarre shapes and surrounded by colourful floating villages is a truly a breathtaking destination. Be transported back to the nostalgic charm of yesteryear aboard luxurious grand colonial steamers or romantic Vietnamese junk boats..

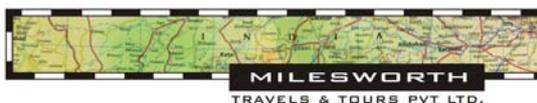
The Mekong Delta

One of the world's most fertile areas, the Mekong Delta is home to countless rice fields and tributaries across thousands of square miles of flat land. An overnight cruise in the Mekong Delta is definitely worthwhile, for the experience of awakening in the early morning to find floating markets and villages floating around you is incredible. The small sizes of the Song Xanh Sampans and Cai Be Princess are perfect for glimpses into the local ways of life while relaxing in the comfort of a floating boutique hotel. The restored colonial vessels of Pandaw and Bassac are great for Mekong Delta cruises between Saigon and Phnom Penh.

Hue & Hoi An

An imperial city during the Nguyen dynasty, Hue still retains much of its royal heritage and laidback atmosphere. Straddling the banks of Song Huong River (Perfume River) in Central Vietnam, it is best known for its historic monuments and architecture and has been appointed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Situated along the south central coast of Vietnam, Hoi An is an outstanding example of a well-preserved ancient town that has been designated a World Heritage Site. Known as Faifo in the past, it was a major port town that boasted multi-cultural influences from the 16th – 18th centuries. Today, it is a quaint and picturesque town that can be easily explored on foot. Nearby are the ancient Hindu temple ruins at My Son, dating back to the Cham Dynasty.



Essential Vietnam

On this sample trip, we present you with classical Vietnam from the deep reaches of the Mekong Delta to the timeless capital of Hanoi and the emerald waters of Halong Bay.

Day 1: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 2: Depart your hotel for a full day tour of Ho Chi Minh City. This includes the atmospheric Chinatown District, the Benh Thanh Market, filled with bargains and bric-a-brac. In the afternoon, visit the History Museum and other major colonial and war-era edifices in the city.

Day 3: A full day trip into the heart of the Mekong Delta. Cruise by boat to visit the colourful Cai Be floating market, followed by an exploration of Dong Hoa Hiep Island for lunch. Return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 4: Fly to Danang in Central Vietnam. Drive south to the 17th century town and ancient port of Hoi An. Go on a walking tour of the old Quarter.

Day 5: Drive to Danang and visit the Cham Museum. Then drive over the Hai Van Pass (Ocean Clouds) north to Hue. In Hue, visit the Imperial Citadel, from where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled until 1945. Then visit the tombs of the last Vietnamese emperors.

Day 6: Visit Tinh Tam Lake and go on a cyclo ride. Then fly from Hue to Hanoi.

Day 7: Go on a full-day visit of Hanoi. Visit the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, the Temple of Literature, and some of the cities best museums and pagodas. In the evening, go on a walking tour of the Old Quarter.

Day 8: Drive to Halong Bay for your overnight cruise on a colonial steamer or Vietnamese junk sailing ship.

Day 9: Transfer to Hanoi Airport for your flight home.

When to Go. Where to Go.

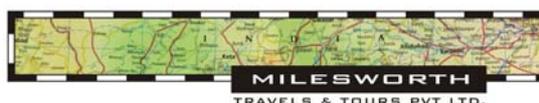
There is good weather somewhere in Vietnam all year round! Vietnam stretches over 2000 km from North to South. The climate differs all year round from one region to another. The North can be chilly during winter months (December to March). North and Central Vietnam can encounter tropical storms and typhoons from October to January. Overall, the north of Vietnam experiences more marked seasons than the rest of the country with two distinct seasons: wet and dry.

The South, including Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta, benefits from sunshine and warm weather all year round. However, the rainy season lasts from May to November (with showers once or twice a day in general) and a dry season from December to April. The Central Highlands can be chilly. Nha Trang has warm – sometimes hot - weather all year round, with a rainy season from the end of September until December.

Milesworth in Vietnam

We have seen Vietnam first-hand. And this intimate knowledge gives us the ability to being able to fill your travel plans with just the right mix. Our office in Vietnam comprises a team of local and western travel enthusiasts who work, live and travel all over the country and we would be happy to share our new discoveries with you.

We offer you an honest and real approach to our advice – from planning your itinerary, suggesting activities and local excursions, choosing accommodation, and telling you when and if it is safe to travel. If you want to really discover Vietnam, you should set aside at least one week, meet the people and get some kind of understanding for this beautiful and fascinating country.



About Us

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In **Meeting and Event Planning Services**, Milesworth provides comprehensive planning, implementation and logistics support – covering all the major aspects of primary air travel, ground transportation, accommodation, conference planning, & liaison with government & industry associations wherever necessary.

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ABOUT THE FOUNDERS

Milesworth Travel was founded by Kanta Gupta in 1994 to provide businesses with one-stop corporate travel management solutions. Prior to striking out on her own at the age of 50, she worked for nearly 12-years as a key account manager with a nationwide agency chain. In 1999, Milesworth was invited by American Express, the world's second largest travel company, to become the representative office for Chennai.

Our Managing Director, Ashish Gupta, is also co-founder and director of the Barefoot Group, a 35-crore hospitality and travel venture based in the Andaman Islands. It is the owner and manager of the highly reputed and awarded luxury eco-lodge, Barefoot at Havelock.

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