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# VIETNAM

BY PRIVATE RAIL

## SAIGON TO HANOI

12 – 28 November 2026



**Saigon, Mekong Delta, Nha Trang,  
Quy Nhon, Hoi An, Danang, Hue,  
Phong Nha National Park,  
Ninh Binh, Hanoi, Halong Bay**



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### INCLUDES



Accommodation, sightseeing tours and entry fees,  
privately chartered train, coach transport,  
most meals, an expert tour leader, local guides



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From south to north, Vietnam is a wonderful kaleidoscope of fascinating sights, diverse landscapes and exciting rail adventures. Step aboard privately chartered rail carriages for a memorable 17-day rail tour that explores world heritage listed old towns, ancient citadels, jungle retreats and rural villages of this friendly land. Start in the pulsating Saigon, before exploring the Mekong Delta where you'll experience a floating market and try delicious food. Board your private train in Saigon and travel on the former Transindochinois Railway, now known as the Reunification Express via the fertile hinterland to the coastal towns of Nha Trang and Quy Nhon. Continue riding the rails to wander the Hue and Hoi An old towns', tour the Danang Railway Workshops, see karst mountains and caves at Phong Nha National Park and take a traditional rowboat past limestone peaks and lush green rice paddy fields in Ninh Binh. Explore the French Quarter in Hanoi and see the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, before cruising through Halong Bay on a traditional overnight luxury sailing boat. With an Australian tour leader and an expert local guide, this Vietnam rail and cultural experience is bound to please.

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- One-night cruise aboard a luxury boat on Halong Bay
- Visits to World Heritage sites and old towns of Hoi An and Hue
- Travel aboard private carriages attached to the Reunification Express
- Private boat cruise on the Mekong Delta to see a floating market
- Visit Hanoi's Train Street to see trains pass through narrow streets
- Spend two nights in a beach resort in the stunning Quy Nhon

#### YOUR ITINERARY

##### **DAY 1 Thursday 12 November 2026**

###### **Saigon**

The tour commences upon check in at our hotel from 3pm. At 6pm, enjoy a memorable welcome dinner at the Vietnam House Restaurant, owned by renowned SBS TV chef Luke Nguyen. When you think of Ho Chi Minh City, aka Sài Gòn, the first things that come to mind is the vibrant motorbike-filled streets, French colonial architecture and the buzz of the local markets – but don't forget about their delicious cuisine!

*Overnight: Mai House, Saigon (D)*

##### **DAY 2 Friday 13 November 2026**

###### **Saigon**

This morning, you'll discover the War Remnants Museum where you'll see old American military equipment including an F5A Freedom Fighter and a UH-1 Huey Helicopter, before visiting the historic City Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Enjoy lunch surrounding the Ben Thanh Market, tour the Reunification Palace and the atmospheric Jade Emperor Pagoda. Tonight, you will dine at a restaurant in the bustling local markets of District 1 and try local favourites such as Pho Bo, Banh Mi, Com Tam and Bun Cha. *Overnight: Mai House, Saigon (B,L,D)*



##### **DAY 3 Saturday 14 November 2026**

###### **Mekong Delta**

This morning you will travel via minibus to the Mekong Delta for a day of exploration. Known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, the Mekong Delta at over 20 million people produces more than half of the country's rice and fish, 70% of its fruit and contributes significantly to the national economy. The fertile land and abundant water resources support a variety of crops, including tropical fruits and vegetables, which are essential for both local consumption and export. Today, you will cruise the waterways visiting local orchards and cottage industries and experience local life first hand. *Overnight: Victoria Can Tho Resort, Mekong Delta (B,L,D)*

##### **DAY 4 Sunday 15 November 2026**

###### **Saigon**

After breakfast, you'll visit the Cai Rang Floating Market – the largest in the Mekong Delta. From your private boat, you'll see products traded from

local factories, plantations, farms and orchards and see boats filled to the roof with colourful and unique tropical fruits. Enjoy lunch in Can Tho and return to Saigon. In contrast to the north of Vietnam, the food here is sweeter, spicier and more varied, and tonight, why not try some of Saigon's distinctive fresh and flavoursome cuisine. Your local guide can take you to the lively Pham Ngu Lao Street to experience their local open-air market. *Overnight: Mai House, Saigon (B,L)*

##### **DAY 5 Monday 16 November 2026**

###### **Nha Trang**

After breakfast, you'll head to Saigon Railway Station where you'll board our private railway carriages for the first of our scenic train journeys, taking us along the southern rail-line of the former Transindochinois Railway – now known as the Reunification Express, referring to the Reunification of Vietnam in 1975. Enjoy morning tea on board, lunch and snacks in your private dining car as the train traverses past lush green rice paddies and bustling towns of the rich hinterland. Upon arrival in Nha Trang, we'll check into our hotel before enjoying a seafood dinner together. *Overnight: Intercontinental Hotel, Nha Trang Beach (B,L,D)*





## **DAY 6 Tuesday 17 November 2026**

### **Quy Thon**

This morning, you'll tour Nha Trang which is known as the 'Cannes of the Orient' with a walk along the palm-lined sandy beach and island-dotted bay for fantastic photos. See the world's largest Buddha statue at Long Son Pagoda, the 13th-century Po Nagar Cham Tower and enjoy lunch at the famous Nha Trang Sailing Club. Hop back onto our private train for a spectacular journey along the scenic coastline while enjoying afternoon tea and dinner in our private dining car. Arrive in the railway town of Dieu Tri and drive to our hotel in Quy Nhon. *Overnight: Avani Quy Nhon Resort, Quy Nhon (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 7 Wednesday 18 November 2026**

### **Quy Nhon**

This morning, you will tour a local market where you can try some rambutans, dragon fruit, mangosteens and spiky jackfruit and stop for the famous Vietnamese condensed milk coffee. Visit the fascinating fishing village of Bai Ran and enjoy a lunch of fiddler crab noodle soup and jumping shrimps fried pancake at a local family home. Later, learn about and see a demonstration of the local martial art of Viet Vo Dao. Visit Bai Xep Beach with its rugged rock formations, pristine sandy shores and crystal-clear turquoise waters before returning to the resort where you'll enjoy a free evening. *Overnight: Avani Quy Nhon Resort, Quy Nhon (B,L)*



## **DAY 8 Thursday 19 November 2026**

### **Hoi An**

After an early breakfast, we'll rejoin our private train for the journey to Danang, enjoying spectacular scenery, lunch and snacks in your private dining car. On arrival at Danang station, you'll transfer to the graceful and historic Hoi An – Vietnam's most atmospheric and delightful town. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, the town has been beautifully restored and preserved, with parts of the town looking exactly like they did more than a century ago when it was under French rule. After check in, we'll enjoy dinner together in the old town. *Overnight: Moire Vignette Collection by IHG, Hoi An (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 9 Friday 20 November 2026**

### **Hoi An**

This morning, you'll tour the town discovering the influence of Japanese, Chinese, Dutch, and Spanish traders as you walk past pagodas, assembly halls, the Thien Hau Temple and historic houses. Tour the Japanese Covered Bridge and enjoy free time at lunch. Later, why not wander the alleyways of the old town or head to the tailor shops – Hoi An is renowned for its skilled tailors who can create any type of garment within 24 hours. Hoi An is a shopping mecca with much to browse and buy – such as original paintings, ceramics, lanterns, embroidery, leather goods and handcrafted woodwork. *Overnight: Moire Vignette Collection by IHG, Hoi An (B)*

## **DAY 10 Saturday 21 November 2026**

### **Danang and Hue**

This morning, we'll drive by the former US airbase at China Beach, before touring the busy Danang Railway Workshops to learn about the national

railway system. Enjoy lunch and return to your private carriages to ride the rails over the Hai Van Pass – Vietnam's most spectacular railway journey which travels over the country's dramatic central coastline and mountains. Arrive at the grand colonial station of Hue and transfer to your hotel. Hue acted as Vietnam's political and royal capital during the 19th century and is an important cultural and religious centre. This evening, enjoy music, art, fine cuisine and royal architecture in the Ben Xuan Garden House Theatre. *Overnight: Senna Hotel, Hue (B,L,D)*



## **DAY 11 Sunday 22 November 2026**

### **Hue**

This morning, you'll tour the ancient Imperial City of Hue and wander the vast walled Citadel fortress. The fortress was the battleground for the Battle of Hue, a major conflict during the Vietnam War's Tet Offensive in 1968. Later, you'll board a royal heritage boat for a cruise along the Perfume River, stopping at small villages and enjoying fine food on board. Relax as your stylish vessel glides along this scenic river, before touring the lakeside royal tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, Thien Mu Pagoda and the lively Dong Ba Market. *Overnight: Senna Hotel, Hue (B,L)*

## **DAY 12 Monday 23 November 2026**

### **Phong Nha National Park**

Rise early for breakfast and drive to the Vinh Moc Tunnels which were used by villagers as shelter during the intense bombing in the Vietnam War. The tunnels were strategically located on the border of North Vietnam and South Vietnam, and were a success as no villagers lost their lives. Enjoy lunch, and visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Phong Nha National Park where you'll see some of the oldest karst mountains in Asia as well as some enormous caves. Take a cruise up Son River towards the Phong Cave and relax in your boutique jungle stay this evening. *Overnight: Chay Lap Boutique Farmstay, Phong Nha (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 13 Tuesday 24 November 2026**

### **Ninh Binh**

Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast and take a drive to Dong Hoi Station and board your private carriages for your rail journey to Ninh Binh. Lunch and snacks will be served in the dining car as the train rolls along the scenic coastline and through jungle landscapes via Vinh, Thanh Hoa, to Ninh Binh. Arrive in the late afternoon and transfer to your hotel. This naturally beautiful area is often referred to as 'Halong Bay on land', with its winding river etched between towering limestone mountains. Enjoy dinner in your resort tonight. *Overnight: Emerald Resort Tam Coc, Ninh Binh (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 14 Wednesday 25 November 2026**

### **Hanoi**

This morning, you'll journey on a traditional boat past limestone karst peaks, green rice paddy fields, enjoying the pastel hues of lotus ponds along the way. Cruise the Ninh Binh waterways around Trang An and arrive at the largest natural bird garden in northern Vietnam. Be welcomed into a local family home for a traditional



Vietnamese lunch before driving to Vietnam's historic and dynamic capital, Hanoi. Upon arrival, you'll visit the famous Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre for an entertaining performance before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight: Apricot Hotel, Hanoi (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 15 Thursday 26 November 2026**

### **Hanoi**

Vietnam's capital is famous for its beautiful lakes, shaded boulevards, public parks and their French-style Old Quarter. After breakfast this morning, you'll see all of that plus the Temple of Literature and Hoan Kiem Lake. Enjoy lunch and visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, the One Pillar Pagoda, stop at Hanoi Train Street to see trains pass through a narrow residential area before taking part in a street food tour and dinner in the Old Quarter, sampling delicious food along the way.

*Overnight: Apricot Hotel, Hanoi (B,L,D)*

## **DAY 16 Friday 27 November 2026**

### **Halong Bay**

After breakfast today, you'll drive to the spectacular UNESCO World Heritage-listed Halong Bay in the Gulf of Tonkin. This is one of Vietnam's most beautiful and most popular places – a bay of emerald waters dotted with limestone karsts, sandstone islands and caves. On arrival, cruise the region, visit a few caves and marvel at the ethereal beauty all around you. You'll spend the night on a luxury junk (traditional sailing boat) home to twin-share cabins with air-conditioning and private facilities, plus a dining room and bar where you'll have all your meals. *Overnight: Dragon Pearl Cruise or Athena Royal Cruise on Halong Bay (B,L,D)*



## **DAY 17 Saturday 28 November 2026**

### **Halong Bay – Flight out of Hanoi**

Rise early for a stunning sunrise over Halong Bay, relax on the deck or even take part in some Tai Chi. Later, visit The Green Life Centre who are committed to turning the Bay's trash into treasure by collecting discarded items and turning them into handicrafts. In the mid-morning, we'll bid farewell to our wonderful crew and board our coach for the 3-hour trip to the Hanoi airport for your flights back to Australia. Vietnam Airlines and Singapore Airlines flights depart at 5PM and 6PM. For those not flying out of Hanoi tonight, you'll be dropped at your post-tour accommodation hotel in Hanoi. *(B,L)*



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### Tour Price

Per person twin-share	\$ 9,995
Single supplement	\$ 1,950

### Included in the tour price:

- 15 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges included.
- 1 night on a Halong Bay traditional sailing boat
- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 12 dinners
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' plus locally guided tours
- Private coach throughout
- Privately chartered railway carriages
- Departure airport transfer in Hanoi
- Tipping
- A local tour guide throughout
- Tour management by Travelrite

### Not included in the price:

- Return international flights
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended
- Arrival airport transfer in Saigon
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.



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## General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 22 September 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY:** Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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