



WOMEN'S ADVENTURES NZ



Classic Vietnam Itinerary

11th March to 25th March 2027

\$3885.00 per person

Join us on this adventure holiday of a lifetime packed full of exciting experiences. You'll be gently cruising through the world-famous Lan Ha Bay with its thousands of limestone towering islands and exploring the UNESCO world heritage site of Ninh Binh and Tam Loc full of caves and cliffs. We'll be trekking in Sapa, one of the most stunning areas of Vietnam, cycling along back country lanes and through little villages of Hoi An, journeying across the spectacular Hai Van Pass by train, delighting in the sights, sounds, foods, culture, history of the main tourist places, plus learning to cook some of the foods Vietnam is famous for. There'll also be time for shopping, exploring, relaxing by the pool, swimming, and snorkelling - this adventure has it all!

	AUCKLAND AIRPORT & ARRIVAL DAY	Cost
Thursday 11th March	<p>Recommended flight with Singapore Airlines departs Auckland at 1:20am, arriving in Singapore at 6.45am, departing Singapore again at 9.05am, arriving in Hanoi at 11.30am on March 11th.</p> <p>A taxi van will pick us up and take us to our twin share accommodation for the next three nights - Hanoi Media Hotel and Spa. We are in an excellent location in the Old Quarter and very close to the lake. It's a busy area but our hotel is a calm, quiet oasis with spa treatments and a relaxed rooftop bar.</p>	<p>Flights own cost.</p> <p>Group transfer and accom. paid.</p>

	Free time to explore – rest – shop – have a spa treatment – enjoy the view and a drink at our rooftop bar before we head out for dinner.	Dinner own cost.
Friday 12th March	HANOI	
	A leisurely start to the day today and some free time this morning to explore, do some shopping, or if the group is keen perhaps head to the highly rated Vietnamese Women’s Museum - <i>focused on the contribution of women to Vietnam's history and culture, this museum highlights their roles in Vietnam's many military conflicts as well as in commerce, including features on female street vendors, women's role in the family, and more recently, single mothers in Vietnam.</i>	Breakfast included. Approx. \$5 for Museum entry – own cost.
12:45pm 1.00pm	Meet in our hotel lobby at 12.45pm ready for our Hanoi City Insight Motorbike Tour! Our guides will meet us outside our hotel, and the tour starts with lunch at a local restaurant.	Lunch and tour included.
5.00pm 6.30pm	Back at our hotel - get ready for our evening out at the Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre – just a 2-minute walk from our accommodation. This is one of Vietnam’s most traditional forms of entertainment - where traditional legends and historical tales are among the enchanting puppet plays performed at this popular theatre. A ‘must see’ cultural experience. We will find somewhere after the 50 min show to go out for dinner.	Show included. Dinner own cost.
Saturday 13th March	DAY TRIP TO LAN HA BAY	
7.00am	After breakfast we have a short walk to the bus depot where we board the bus/coach that will take us to Lan Ha Bay - approximately 3 hours’ drive away. Beautiful Lan Ha Bay is one of 3 bays in the Gulf of Tonkin known for its dramatic karst formations and limestone cliffs. A much quieter and more isolated place than the very busy and popular tourist spot of Halong Bay. We’ll arrive on Cat Ba Island and have a scenic coastal drive to Beo Harbour. After lunch on board our boat we’ll cruise to Viet Hai Port, explore the ancient village, and enjoy unique activities like kayaking and swimming in the sea, boat-jumping, and sliding. We then return to Beo Harbour and board the bus back to Hanoi.	Breakfast included. Lan Ha Bay trip included.
9.00pm approx.	We arrive back at our hotel.	
Sunday 14th March	TAM COC/NINH BINH	
8.00am	Breakfast and check out of our accommodation ready to meet in the hotel lobby at 7.45am. We are picked up and taken to the fascinating area of Tam Coc. Tam Coc is an enchanting destination in Vietnam. Its vibrant rice paddies, tranquil waterways, and dramatic limestone karsts offer a picturesque escape. As a part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Trang An Landscape Complex, Tam Coc is a harmonious blend of natural beauty and cultural significance. We will get a taxi from Mua Cave at the end of the tour to our twin share accommodation for 1 night: My Tam Coc Bungalow.	Breakfast included. Tour included. Taxi paid. Accom. included.

Monday 15 th March	TAM COC - NINH BINH/HANOI/OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO SAPA	
	A relaxed morning before we explore more of the area for the rest of the day. A cycle tour is a possibility. There is so much to see and do here!	Extra activities own cost.
7.00pm 8.20pm	We are picked up and taken back to Hanoi. We will then stop at our hotel to pick up our bags and wait for our transport to take us to the train station.	Transport paid.
10.00pm 7:10am on the 16 th March.	Our sleeper train departs for Sapa! We are in shared cabins for this unforgettable experience winding our way through mountainous terrain on Vietnam's national railway. We arrive in Lao Cai and are taken by shuttle van to Sapa – a 70-minute drive. We arrive in Sapa where we will be able to shower and change when we arrive at the Sapa Sisters depot.	Train and shuttle included.
Tuesday 16 th March	SAPA - Trekking	
7.10am	Arrive in Sapa at Sapa Sisters where we have showers and breakfast. We can pack what we need for our overnight trek into our daypacks, leave our other bag/s in their storage room and head off with our guides. I encourage you to bring your own old walking shoes as the track can be very muddy pretty much all year round. You can then throw them away at the end. Our guides are from a local tour group called Sapa Sisters. This is a local enterprise where local women are our guides and money from the trekking business goes back into supporting the community. These women have heaps of local knowledge, speak excellent English (and other languages) and are great guides.	Breakfast included.
9.00am	Set off on our 2-day trek. Our guide will discuss with us what level of trek we would like, easy or medium. We will be walking along the road for a short while then down through tracks winding through rice paddies, over streams, through villages, through bamboo groves, all the while being surrounded by some of the most amazing scenery. We will stop for lunch in one of the villages before setting off again for a couple of hours to our home-stay accommodation. The home-stay accommodation is a type of inn run by local families. It is basic but there are hot showers, warm beds, flushing toilets and tasty traditional food. Bedding is supplied, (you don't need to bring a sleeping bag or a towel.)	Trekking package included.
Wednesday 17 th March	SAPA/OVERNIGHT BUS TO HANOI	
8.00am	Breakfast and get ready for another trekking day.	
9.00am 3:00pm onwards	Start walking, stopping for lunch along the way at one of the villages. We are picked up at one of the villages and taken back to Sapa Sisters depot by 3pm. Here we have time to have a shower and do some shopping, rest, explore before we are picked up for our overnight bus trip back to Hanoi. We will have dinner in Sapa before we leave.	Dinner own cost.

10.00pm	Overnight sleeper bus from Lao Cai to Hanoi. Have or wear the clothes that you will be wearing for the next day as we go straight from the bus to the airport.	Sleeper bus included.
Thursday 18th March	HANOI/HOI AN	
5.00am	Arrive in Hanoi Noi Bai Airport where we can grab some breakfast after checking in.	Breakfast own cost.
7.35am	Our flight leaves for Danang.	Flight included.
9.00am	Arrive in Danang where we are picked up and taken to Hoi An (1 hour drive) and our twin accommodation for the next 3 nights - Ancient Retreat Hoi An.	Transport and accom. included.
	The rest of the afternoon is free for you to relax or explore after our busy last few days.	
6.00pm	Meet up for dinner and take in the lights of Hoi An!	Dinner own cost.
Friday 19th March	DAY TRIP - CHAM ISLAND SNORKELLING	
7.30am	<p>After breakfast we are picked up from our hotel for our day trip to Cham Island. We will discover the stunning beaches and colourful coral reefs of Cham Island – a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.</p> <p>It's also a historical destination that was a part of the formation and development of the trading port of Hoi An. We will explore these highlights with a local guide then snorkel in crystal clear blue water before enjoying a lunch of local specialties prepared by island locals on the beautiful beach.</p>	<p>Breakfast included.</p> <p>Tour with lunch included.</p>
3:30pm	Arrive back at our hotel and relax or explore some more before dinner.	
5.00pm	Meet together at our hotel bar before we head out for the evening.	Dinner own cost.
Saturday 20th March	HOI AN RURAL CYCLE/COOKING TOUR	
7.00am	Enjoy breakfast and fuel up for our cycle trip!	Breakfast included.
7.45am 8.30am	<p>We will walk to the Hoi An Post Office – just 15 minutes - to meet our guide for our Rural Cycle, Market Tour, Basket Boat and Organic Farm Cooking Tour.</p> <p>We start off cycling through the local rural area, stopping at a market on the way. Next we paddle through the coconut palms in a little basket boat to the organic farm where we learn about this community garden. We are then taken to the farmer's house where we use their locally grown produce to cook a delicious Vietnamese lunch. It's then a gentle cycle back to the Post Office.</p>	Tour with lunch included.
1.45pm	We arrive back to our accommodation for an afternoon of free time.	
5.00pm	Meet for pre-dinner drinks (optional) and then go into the Old Town for dinner (or have dinner at our accommodation.)	Dinner own cost.

Sunday 21st March	HOIAN/HUE	
5:00am	Super early start today but for good reason! We have a quick breakfast before checking out of our accommodation.	Breakfast included.
5:30am	Then it's a pickup from our hotel to travel to Da Nang train station.	
7:00am	Our Heritage Train departs Da Nang. For the next 3 ½ hours enjoy Vietnam's most picturesque train journey through Central Vietnam's diverse countryside. Spoilt by the serene beauty of Lang Co Bay and Lap An Lagoon, as well as the lush green mountains of Hai Van Pass we finally arrive into Hue at about 11am.	Train included.
11:00am	We are transferred to our accommodation in Hue where we have our own room: Hue Serene Palace Hotel.	Transfer and accom. included.
12:00pm	Meet at reception and then head off on a guided tour of this historically important city. Marvel at ancient tombs, temples, imperial cities, and learn about the Nguyen Dynasty – Vietnam's last feudal dynasty.	Lunch and dinner own cost.
5.00pm	Arrive back at our hotel or perhaps continue our exploration of Hue and find somewhere for an early dinner.	
Monday 22nd March	HUE/HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC)	
8:30am	Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before checking out.	Breakfast included.
9:30am	Depart for the Hue Phu Bai Airport – just a 30-minute drive away.	Transfer included.
11:55am	Our flight departs Hue for Ho Chi Minh City – a 1 ½ hour direct flight.	Flight included.
1:20pm	We arrive in HCMC and will be picked up and taken to our accommodation at the Royal Hotel Saigon right in the heart of Old Saigon with lots of interesting buildings, restaurants, bars, the market and parks. We are in twin share rooms. We are met at our hotel lobby for our motorbike street food tour where we get to sample over 11 different Vietnamese dishes.	Transfer and accom. included. Tour included.
Tuesday 23rd March	HO CHI MINH CITY - Cu Chi Tunnels	
6.45am	Breakfast before we get picked up for our Cu Chi tunnel tour.	Breakfast included.
7.30 am	Ben Duoa Tunnels tour. The tunnels we are visiting today are the more authentic, less crowded and less touristy tunnels of the Cu Chi Tunnel network. The tunnels of Củ Chi are an immense network of connecting underground tunnels located in the Củ Chi District of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and are part of a much larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country. The Củ Chi tunnels were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War, and were the Viet Cong's base of operations for the Tết Offensive in 1968. We will be stop for lunch after the tour.	Tour included. Lunch own cost.
2.30pm approx.	Free time to explore. Among other things, Old Saigon was the hub of the Vietnam War and there are many famous monuments, buildings and museums around the area where we are staying.	

	You could continue exploring the streets in our area, get a massage and spa treatment....or just chill out by the pool.	
7.00pm	Dinner at a nearby restaurant.	Own cost.
Wednesday 24th March	HO CHI MINH CITY	
	Full day of free time to make the most of our last full day in Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh City is full of options to enjoy today. Perhaps shop at the bustling Ben Thanh Market, or admire the Central Post Office & Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the poignant War Remnants Museum, or simply people watch at the Cafe Apartments on Nguyen Hue Walking Street.	Breakfast included.
6:00pm	Meet at our hotel reception to head out for our final group dinner and toast to vibrant Vietnam!	
Thursday 25th March	HCMC – DEPARTURE DAY	
7.00am	Breakfast at our accommodation.	Breakfast included.
8.30am	Get taxi to the airport.	Transfer included. Flights own cost.
9.00am	Arrive at the airport.	
12.15pm	Recommended flights with Singapore Airlines departs HCMC	
3.30pm	Arrive Singapore.	
6.30pm	Depart Singapore.	
Friday 26th March	ARRIVE NEW ZEALAND	
9.25am	Arrive Auckland – welcome home!	

A packing list will be sent out.