# Working Itinerary – Vietnam MAP 2015

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<th>July 18, 2015</th>
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<td>Participants depart US en route to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam on own</td>
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July 21, 2015

**Ho Chi Minh City: Sightseeing**

*Tuesday*

- Breakfast at hotel
- Meet in hotel lobby to depart with full day private coach and English speaking guide for tour (bottled water provided on coach)

**Meals Included:**

**Breakfast**

- **Tour Description:** *Cu Chi Tunnels:* Never discovered by American forces, the CU CHI TUNNELS were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Today, you can walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the VC, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels, some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists. *(entrances included; approximately 5 – 6 hours)* **Note:** Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Expect that you may get dirty during tour!
- Lunch on own, stop provided
- Transfer back to the hotel. Remainder of afternoon free
- Dinner on own
- **Overnight:** Saigon (3) - Pullman Saigon Centre

July 22, 2015

**Ho Chi Minh City: Mekong Delta Tour**

*Wednesday*

- Breakfast at hotel
- Meet in hotel lobby to depart with full day private coach and English speaking guide for tour (bottled water provided on coach)

**Meals Included:**

**Breakfast**

- **Tour Description:** *Tour of Mekong Delta:* Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre. Upon arrival, visit the coconut candy workshop before cruising on the mighty Mekong tributaries. Explore the area with visit to coconut processing workplace. Stop to visit a local house with fruit tasting and have a short walk in the village before riding on the sampan along the canal. Take your time walking or biking to surrounding. Transfer from Ho Chi Minh area for more local life exploration. Lunch at local restaurant at own expense *(stop provided)* - before driving back to Ho Chi Minh City *(entrances included)*
- Lunch on own, stop provided
- After lunch, return transfer to hotel
- Dinner on own
- **Overnight:** Saigon (4) - Pullman Saigon Centre

July 23, 2015

**Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi**

*Thursday*

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out of hotel
- Meet in hotel lobby to load luggage on bus for transfer to airport for flight

**Meals Included:**

**Breakfast**

- **Intra-Program Flight:** Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi
- Upon arrival in Hanoi, group is met by private coach and English speaking guide for transfer to hotel *(bottled water provided on coach)*
- Check into hotel
- Lunch on own
- Evening:
  - Roundtrip transportation to group dinner
  - Group Dinner at Porte D’ An Nam Restaurant *(one non-alcoholic drink per person and gratuity included)*
- **Overnight:** Hanoi (1) - Pullman Hanoi Hotel
July 24, 2015  
**Hanoi: Day Trip to Halong Bay**

**Friday**
- Breakfast at hotel
- Meet in hotel lobby to depart with full day private coach and English speaking guide for tour (bottled water provided on coach)
- **Tour Description:** Depart from Hanoi in the morning for scenic Halong Bay. Arriving at the pier around noon, board your charming traditional wooden junk for cruising through the Bay. Lunch will be served while boat cruising through the bay. Following cruise by rock formations with such names as Stone Dog, Incense Burner (Dinh Huong), Fighting Cock (Ga Choi). At the core of the islets, there are two wonderful caves and grottoes to visit as Thien Cung (Heavenly Residence Grotto), Dau Go (Driftwood Grotto) before returning to Halong pier. Disembark at Halong pier at approximately 4:30PM and return to Hanoi by vehicle (entrances included)
- Lunch included during tour (one non-alcoholic drink per person and gratuity included)
- After tour, return transfer to hotel
- Dinner on own
- **Overnight:** Hanoi (2) – Pullman Hanoi Hotel

**Meals Included:**
- Breakfast
- Lunch

July 25, 2015  
**Hanoi: Tour & Free Afternoon & Depart to USA**

**Saturday**
- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out of hotel
- Meet in hotel lobby to depart with half day private coach and English speaking guide for tour (bottled water provided on coach)
- **Tour Description:** HANOI is a blend of long established traditions and modern imprints of Western colonization. Tree-lined boulevards and colonial buildings give the city a touch of Western elegance, while crowded blocks of tiny old houses and narrow lanes full of daily life bear the charms of the past centuries. Start the day by visiting the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE dated as far back as 1076 AD, dedicated to Confucius and once the Mandarin Training School in the olden days. Continue to visit the lotus-shaped ONE PILLAR PAGODA dated back as far as 1049. Then visit HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM where his embalmed body is kept for homage visit (The Mausoleum is closed weekly on Monday and Friday). Take a walk from the mausoleum through the park to see the former French Governor’s Palace. Your half day tour can end with a walk through the Old Quarter, famous for 36 streets of the craftsmen with well-known landmarks including the Hoan Kiem Lake (entrances included)
- After tour, return transfer to hotel
- Lunch and dinner on own
- Transfer on own to airport (three transfers based on most common departure time will be provided)
- Participants depart Hanoi, Vietnam en route to US on own

**Meals Included:**
- Breakfast