



## Private Group Trip Quote and Itinerary

For travelers with a yearning to get off the beaten track, Intrepid opens up a whole new world of adventure travel since 1989. With a huge variety of trips available, Intrepid travelers explore the world's most amazing places - from the back streets of Asia, to the wilds of Africa, the colorful landscapes of Latin America, the picturesque National Parks of North America, the delicacies of Europe & ancient cultures of Australasia. Come with us to discover real people, real cultures & incredible real life experiences along the way...

Wherever we go in the world, we take a responsible attitude with us. That means travelling in a way which both respects and benefits local people, their culture and the environment. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to arrange a private group adventure with Intrepid Travel.

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## Why travel with Intrepid

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Responsible Travel  
Freedom and flexibility

All about the locals  
Balanced itineraries

Great value  
Travelers of all ages

## Our Travel Style

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For centuries people have travelled not out of necessity, but driven by curiosity. Exchanging stories, a meal or a smile with a stranger helps us see the world in a different way and understand our place in it a little better. At Intrepid, we're committed to a style of travel that benefits our travelers and communities. Every year, we take more than 100,000 travelers around the world on small group adventures.

### Accommodation

Where we stay ensures we keep our travelers firmly entrenched in a region's people and culture, and provides them with unique local experiences that benefit the community too. Across all of our styles, many of our itineraries also include homestay experiences

### Transport

Getting from Point A to Point B is usually a hassle, not a highlight. We want to change all that. Where we have to travel, we like to travel local. You could watch the world pass by from behind a tinted bus window, but the view from a grassroots level is better.

### Responsible Travel

Intrepid is committed to maintaining our integrity, living our values and ensuring that we're fulfilling the core purpose of our business. This being, to operate in a responsible manner, incorporating the principles of sustainable development.



## Meet the Intrepid Guides

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It takes a pretty special someone who'll dedicate their working life to ensuring complete strangers get the most out of their holiday – but no-one ever said our leaders weren't special. In fact, as the past few years have shown, being special seems to be their forte.

Established to recognize excellence in trip leading, the *Wanderlust World Guide Awards* have regularly voted Intrepid leaders among the world's best tour guides.

<http://www.intrepidtravel.com/about/meet-intrepid-guides>



## Vietnam – 9 days/8 nights

May 2017

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### Travel to Vietnam

Vietnam's color, chaos and natural beauty bring a new adventure every day. Feel your senses come alive as you walk Hanoi's crazy streets or sail on majestic Halong Bay.

Chop, slice and eat your way through Vietnam, experiencing one of the freshest and most fragrant cuisines on the planet. From pho and ancient buildings in Hanoi, banh xeo and lantern-lit streets in Hoi An and banh canh and pulsating markets in Ho Chi Minh City, experience Vietnam's cuisine and its tightly woven place within its culture. Drink in cafes and beer halls that sprawl out over city streets, buy fruit from wicker baskets draped over a vendor's shoulders and sit at market stalls as aromatic noodle soups are whipped up in front of you. Experience all of Vietnam's iconic sights

### Everything you need to know about Vietnam

We have an entire webpage dedicated to the need to know information for this country. Find out about everything from the weather, to the food, destination highlights, and so much more. Just click on the link below!

<http://www.intrepidtravel.com/vietnam>

## ITINERARY

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### Day 1: May 2017

#### Hanoi



Xin chao! Welcome to Vietnam. Your adventure begins with a Welcome Meeting on Day 1. Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the hotel reception where it will take place. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time, you may wish to arrive a day early so you're able to attend. We'll be happy to book additional accommodation for you (subject to availability). If you're going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details and next of kin information at this

meeting, so please ensure you have all these details to provide to your leader.

#### Meals:

Dinner

#### Accommodation

(or similar):

May De Ville City Centre 2 hotel

Tonight, we will enjoy a welcome group dinner at KOTO restaurant, an organization dedicated to developing the hospitality careers of street kids.

#### Included Activity:

KOTO dinner

### Day 2: May 2017

#### Hanoi



Start the day with a traditional breakfast of pho, a dish that originates in Hanoi and is designed to awaken the senses and prepare you for the day. Then it's time for a guided tour of Chau Long Market, where you will learn all about the ingredients and flavours of northern Vietnamese cuisine. Get involved in a betel nut demonstration. The more daring can try a fertilized egg or silk worm. You'll also sample the local coffee, typically served with yogurt or black sticky rice with yogurt. Hanoi is renowned for its legendary street

food dishes and Dong Xuan Market is one of the best places to go for it. Enjoy lunch here alongside the locals.

#### Meals:

Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner

#### Accommodation

(or similar):

May De Ville City Centre 2 hotel

Today you'll visit the Hanoi Cooking Center to learn the secrets of northern Vietnamese cuisine. Discover some old Hanoian favorites like caramel pork as well as some lesser known dishes from the highlands. Enjoy the fruits of your labour for dinner. You will also stop in at one of the city's hidden teahouses, where you might sample some varieties – perhaps green or white tea infused with flowers.

#### Included Activities

- Hanoi - Cooking Class
- Hanoi - Teahouse visit

### Day 3: May 2017

### Halong Bay



Travel by private minibus to the spectacular World Heritage-listed site of Halong Bay (approximately 4 hours). Halong Bay is a secluded harbour with 2,000 limestone islands rising from the turquoise waters of Bac Bo Gulf. This is one of Vietnam's most scenic regions. It spans an area of about 1,500 square kilometres and is dotted with innumerable beaches and grottos that were created over thousands of years by waves and wind. You will spend the night on one of the traditional boats on the bay. There is a

chef on board who will teach you how to make vegetable flowers and show you how the fishing nets are used by the locals.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner

**Accommodation (or similar):**  
Overnight Boat

#### Included Activities

- Halong Bay - Overnight boat cruise

### Day 4: May 2017

### Hanoi to Danang

Take a bus back to Hanoi (approximately 3.5 hours), then board an overnight train bound for Danang. Although conditions are basic, overnight trains are a rewarding experience. It's an efficient way to travel long distances and a great way to get a sense of the country.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast

**Accommodation (or similar):**  
Overnight Train

Notes: Sleeper trains typically have four berth compartments (occasionally six berth, depending on seasonal variations and group configuration) with bench seats that convert into sleeping bunks. A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although some travellers prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. On occasion, passengers of different genders will be required to share a compartment and there will be occasions where you'll be sharing with local travellers or travellers who are not part of your group. Most trains have a dining carriage serving simple food, but some travellers take the opportunity to stock up on fresh bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure.

### Day 5: May 2017

### Hoi An



Arrive in Danang and travel by minibus to Hoi An (approx 1 hr). Recently declared a World Heritage site, Hoi An is being beautifully restored and preserved. Known as Faifo to early western traders, it was one of South-East Asia's major international ports during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Today, parts of Hoi An look exactly as they did more than a century ago. It's also a shopping mecca – with much to browse and buy. Hoi An has also become famous for its tailoring, with a great variety of fabrics and tailors to

choose from. Bring your favorite piece of clothing or even just a picture, and you'll be able to have it copied. On arrival your leader will take you on an orientation walk, and you'll be given a sightseeing pass so you can visit the city's major attractions at your leisure.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast/ Dinner

**Accommodation (or similar):**  
Hotel TBD

#### Included Activities

- Hoi An - Ancient town orientation walk and entrance

### Day 6: May 2017

### Hoi An



Today you will learn about central Vietnamese cuisine and how to prepare it using its signature vegetables, herbs and spices. Start with a guided bicycle tour of the herb gardens of Tra Que Village. At the local market you'll be introduced to a wealth of produce. After purchasing some ingredients, head back to Hoi An for a hands-on lesson in some classic central Vietnamese dishes. You'll also pick up some cooking and cutting techniques that will put you in good stead to recreate these dishes at home. Then of course it's time to feast on your creations. The rest of today is free for you to pick up any made-to-measure items, or perhaps try more delicious food in one of Hoi An's restaurants.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast/ Lunch

**Accommodation (or similar):**  
Hotel TBD

Notes: If you would rather not ride a bike today, you can choose to take a walk around Hoi An market instead.

#### Included Activities

- Hoi An - Herb Garden Bicycle Tour and Cooking Class

### Day 7: May 2017

### Ho Chi Minh City



Take the short flight to Ho Chi Minh City (approximately 1 hour). Take a guided tour to get a feel for the city's frenetic, fascinating blend of old and new, East and West. You'll go to the War Museum, GPO and Notre Dame Cathedral, finishing up at one of Vietnam's most pulsing markets, Ben Thanh. This is the perfect place to pick up any last-minute snacks, cooking utensils, ingredients, or presents for friends and family before you return home. Perhaps enjoy some of the market fare for dinner as you shop. You will

**Meals:**  
Breakfast

**Accommodation (or similar):**  
Hotel TBD

notice a strong French influence in Ho Chi Minh City, which means excellent coffee and baguettes. If you've got energy left in the evening, head out to explore Vietnam's party capital.

#### Included Activities

- Ho Chi Minh City - War Remnants Museum
- HCMC - City tour
- HCMC - Ben Thanh market



### Day 8: May 2017

### Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy the day to shop or simply stroll around to take in the delightful ambience. In the evening, enjoy a final group dinner.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast/ Dinner

Free Day.

**Accommodation  
(or similar):**  
Hotel TBD

### Day 9: May 2017

### Ho Chi Minh City - Departure

The adventure ends after breakfast.

**Meals:**  
Breakfast

**Accommodation  
(or similar):**  
Not included

## About Your Trip

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### Start Location

Hanoi, Vietnam

### Finish Location

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

### Accommodation

Refer to day by day itinerary

- Hotel x 6
- Overnight train x 1
- Boat cruise x 1

### Rooming Requirements

Twin share

### Included Meals

Breakfast (8)  
Lunch (3)  
Dinner (5)

### Transport

Refer to day by day

### Leader/Guide

English Speaking Leader throughout

### Included Activities

Refer to day by day itinerary

### Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with included activities

### Airport Transfers

Arrival and Departure Transfers not included.

### Exclusions

- International airport departure tax
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities



## Extras

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**Additional Transfers:**  
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**Post Accommodation**  
*Please request pricing*