Absolute Vietnam - BBC Race Across the World

Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 2,599
Travel between :	12 Nov 24 and 12 Nov 24
Rating :	4 Star Icon
Board Basis :	Bed & Breakfast
Duration :	17 nights
Book by :	31 May 24
Includes :	International & Domestic Flights with 23kgs Baggage 3 Nights stay at Hanoi Pearl Hotel in a Deluxe Window with Breakfast Hanoi Highlights: Half-day City Tour Full-Day Ninh Binh Highlights Tour from Hanoi Skip the Line: Water Puppet Tickets (VIP First Class. Row A,B,C,D,E) 1 Night/2 Days Pandora 5 Star Cruise with Transfers from Hanoi 3 Nights stay at Hue Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa in a River View with Breakfast Explore Hue City Full Day with a Deluxe Small Group Hue via Golden Bridge & Marble Mountains to Da Nang via Private Car 4 Nights stay at A La Carte Danang Beach in a Studio with Breakfast Hoi An Coconut Boat and Hoi An Ancient Town Tour Cham Island - Snorkeling Experience 3 Nights stay at Navada Beach Hotel in a Superior Room with Breakfast 3 Islands Tour of Nha Trang 4 Nights stay at Hotel Continental Saigon in a Superior Room with Breakfast Saigon Evening Walking Street Food Tour Cu Chi Tunnels & Mekong Delta Small Group Private Transfers

Detailed Itinerary

This is not an Essential Vietnam tour BUT an Absolute Vietnam Tour!

17 Nights starting in Hanoi and ending your Adventure in Ho Chi Minh City, travel across Vietnam on a curated itinerary, we have included all the Must See Tours, and as this is the Absolute Tour of Vietnam a Few Niche Extras not on your Average Tour!

We have included Private Airport transfers, and 4* hotels as a minimum, Breakfast and Tours are Included throughout - Value for Money!

<u>Highlights: Vietnam - Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hue - Da Nang -</u> <u>Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh City</u>

Hotel featured:

Hanoi Pearl Hotel 4* Hue Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa 4* A La Carte Da Nang Beach 4* Navada Beach Hotel 4* Hotel Continental Saigon 4*

Itinerary:

Tue 12 Nov 2024: Vietnam

Flight from London Heathrow to Hamad International Airport Flight from Hamad International Airport to Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport

Wed 13 Nov 2024: Hanoi Pearl Hotel

Stay at the Hanoi Pearl Hotel for 2 Nights Private Transfer Airport to Hotel

Thu 14 Nov 2024: Hanoi Highlights: Half-day City Tour

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is famous for its hundred-year-old architecture and rich culture with the influence of Southeast Asia, China, and France. sacred site of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the One Pillar Pagoda about the history of the revolution Literature, the first university of Vietnam Opera House and learn about the period between France and Vietnam

Hanoi which is more than 1,500 years old Duration: 4 hours

Inclusions :

- All taxes & services charge

- English-speaking guide

- Transportation with A/C, including pick-up and drop-off at Hotel/Stay (Old Quarter area)

- Entrance fee & Sightseeing tickets

- Bottle of water

What to Expect :

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

The Chairman Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (Vietnamese: Lng Ch tch H Ch Minh) is a mausoleum that serves as the resting place of Vietnamese Revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi, Vietnam. It is a large building located in the center of Ba Dinh Square, where Ho, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Vietnam from 1951 until his death in 1969, read the Declaration of Independence on 2 September 1945, establishing the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. It is also known as Ba nh Mausoleum (Vietnamese: Lng Ba nh) and is open to the public. morning, except Monday and Friday 1 hour - Admission Ticket Free

Temple of Literature & National University

It is one of several temples in Vietnam which is dedicated to Confucius, sages, and scholars. The temple is located to the south of the Imperial Citadel of Thng Long. The various pavilions, halls, statues, and stelae of doctors are places where ceremonies, study sessions and the strict exams of I Vit



took place. The temple is featured on the back of the 100,000 Vietnamese ng banknote 1 hour - Admission Ticket Included Hanoi Opera House

Hanoi Opera House is an architectural work in Hanoi City, Vietnam, serving art performances. The theater is located on the August Revolution Square, the head of Trang Tien Street, not far from Hoan Kiem Lake and the Vietnam History Museum. The construction was started by the French in 1901 and completed in 1911, following the form of the Opera Garnier Theater in Paris but bearing smaller stature and using materials suitable for local climatic conditions. 15 mins - Admission Ticket Free

Chua Tran Quoc

Tran Quoc Pagoda located by Thanh Nien Road has a history of about 1400 years, which is the oldest temple in Thang Long Hanoi in particular and in Vietnam in general. 30 mins - Admission Ticket Free

Fri 15 Nov 2024: Full-Day Ninh Binh Highlights Tour from Hanoi

Full-day tour from Hanoi with highlight destinations in Ninh Binh. Visit the ancient capital of Vietnam in the 10th and 11th centuries and climb up 500 steps to Lying Dragon Mountain to enjoy the breathtaking mountainous view. Enjoy a boat trip on the Ngo Dong River in Tam Coc, through majestic caves. After that, cycle to Bich dong pagoda, and spend 20 minutes discovering the ancient Pagoda, which was built in 1428. Enjoy the trip with our professional English-speaking tour guide. Have an excellent lunch and a small group maximum of 8 people in a limousine car. Enjoy a fair-well drink before finishing the trip in Tam Coc or Hanoi.

Duration: 11 hours

- Inclusions : - Two bottles of mineral water
- All entrance and sightseeing fees and tickets
- Use a conical hat, cold water bottles and a cold wet towel in hot weather
- Professional English-speaking tour guide
- Authentic Set menu lunch at the homestay on the riverside.
- Free a raincoast if it rains.
- English Speaking tour guide
- Use of bicycle
- Good air-conditioned limousine Van, Picking up and dropping off from Hanoi Old Quarter
- Can't cycle, you can use a free Van to join the group.

What to Expect :

Mua Caves

7.30 8.00: Pick up guests in hotels from Hanoi Old Quarter

Dinh King temple

breathtaking panoramic river and mountain view by climbing 500 steps up tp Lying Dragon Mountain

Vietnamese set menu lunch at local Bungalow

sampan boat trip in Tam Coc, passing through three caves:

Hang Ca- The first cave, Hang Hai the second cave, and Hang Ba- the third Cave.

villages to visit Bich Dong Pagoda pagoda- Bich Dong was built in 1428 for Hanoi after having a fair-well drink ends in Hanoi 1 hour - Admission Ticket Included

Tam Coc

Have a sampan boat trip on the Ngo Dong River to pass three water caves, among limestone mountains by local rowers. 1 hour, 45 mins - Admission Ticket Included

Bich Dong Pagoda

Visit an ancient pagoda, which was built in 1428 in the village. Climb 200 steps to see three parts of the pagoda: the lower pagoda at the foot of the mountain, the middle pagoda at the half of the mountain, and the top pagoda at the top of the mountain. 30 mins - Admission Ticket Included Hoa Lu District

Visit the first ancient capital of Vietnam in the 10 and 11 centuries. Walk about 45 minutes to see King temples. 45 mins - Admission Ticket Free

Sat 16 Nov 2024: Halong Pandora 5 Star Cruise 2D1N-All Inclusive

Enjoy amazing views of the UNESCO-listed landscape with Luxury ensuite cabins which are with private balconies, Visiting both parts of Halong Bay and Lan ha Bay, All meals are included, including Caves, Kayaking, Sunset Party, Cooking Class, Taichi, ... Pick and off from Hanoi Old Quarter Duration: 2 Days

Inclusions :

- Entrance and sightseeing fees.
- Modern transfer 2 ways from Hanoi Halong Bay
- Fully furnished cabin with private Ocean View Balcony.
- Dinner
- Breakfast

- English-speaking guide onboard.

- Kayaking, Cooking class, Squid fishing, Taichi, Karaoke

What to Expect :

Sat 16 Nov 2024: Skip the Line: Water Puppet Tickets

Stay at the Hanoi Pearl Hotel for 1 Night

VIP First Class. Row A,B,C,D,E Book Water Puppet show tickets in Hanoi at your preferred time. then Skip-the-line to check in your show Local Vietnamese traditional performance. some context with a brief summary of each act would be helpful Duration: 50 mins

Inclusions :

- Program flyer details

What to Expect :

Charming Vietnam Travel

Water Puppetry is a traditional art form with a distinctive cultural identity of Vietnam. It came into existence, developed, and diversified over a thousand years ago in the Red River Delta. Thanks to unique performances on the water, this puppetry art is famous and highly appreciated all over the world. life of villagers such as farming, fishing, romance, and children playing. Now, the topics of the plays are also picked from ancient legends, myths, and historical stages. fit with your showtime Admission Ticket Included

Sun 17 Nov 2024: Hue Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa

Private Transfer Airport to Hotel

Stay at Hue Riverside Boutique Resort & Spa for 3 Nights

Mon 18 Nov 2024: Explore Hue City Full-Day - Deluxe Small Group

By guiding you through a lot of famous sightseeing such as royal tombs, pagodas, romantic Perfume River, the busiest markets, Hue city 1-day group tour helps you not only discover the history, architecture, and culture of Hue's ancient city but also explore the daily life of local people. Join in a small group Hue city tour in 1 day to have an overview of the harmonious combination of the characteristics of the urban and rural areas. Duration: 8 hours

Inclusions : - Hotel pickup and drop-off

- Bottled water

- All taxes, fees, and handling charges

- Dragon Boat Ticket

- Lunch

- Professional art historian guide

- Local taxes

What to Expect :

Perfume River

Take a 30-minute dragon boat from the city center, a fantastic way to take in Hue's stunning and natural scenery on each side of the city - also giving a chance to see the local life along the river. 30 mins - Admission Ticket Included

Thien Mu Pagoda

The unofficial symbol of Hue, the marvelous Thien Mu Pagoda was constructed in 1601 and is situated on the northern bank of the Huong River in Hue city. It is the home of many folk rhymes and local legends.

40 mins - Admission Ticket Free

Hue Imperial City (The Citadel)

Explore the home of the last Royal Nguyen Dynasty - an imperial palace constructed in 1804. A 2 square-kilometer fortress surrounded by moats, take a step back in time as you stroll through this intricate city, comprising dozens of different sections which was strictly adhered to for the last ruling emperor in Vietnam. 1 hour, 30 mins - Admission Ticket Included

Dong Ba Market

The most famous local market in Hue, learn and see the daily life of local people

20 mins - Admission Ticket Free

Tomb of Khai Dinh

A blend of Eastern and Western architecture, the Khai Dinh Tomb was constructed between 1820-1831. See the magnificent tomb which required a 30% tax increase in Vietnam to fund its lavish construction. 1 hour - Admission Ticket Included

Tomb of Minh Mang

Discover the unique tomb of Minh Mang, which was planned over two decades between 1820-1840. Ascend to the top of the tomb, learning about the enthralling history

1 hour - Admission Ticket Included

Wed 20 Nov 2024: Hue-Golden Bridge-Marble Mountains-Da Nang

This is a private transfer by air-conditioned car with a private driver to see the most beautiful places between Hue- Da Nang- Hoi An, doing this trip from this city to the next city with sightseeing on the way. Time is flexible and the driver speaks good English, he will give you local information and stop best places for impressive photos. It is possible to customize this trip with your changes.

Duration: 7 hours to 9 hours Inclusions :

- Bottled water

- Fuel, tolls, parking fees - Car with private driver (good English speaking)

What to Expect

You can depart from Hue or Hoi An or Da Nang Departure at 9 am or anytime as you request, visiting the

places below:

1. Hai Van Pass: is one of the most scenic hillside roads in Vietnam. When braving the steep winding roads of a paved mountain pass, you will have a chance to discover peace, quiet, and history along the way

2. Golden Bridge is the most famous place on this trip: it has a unique architectural feature of two giant, aged hands that appear to hold up the bridge. It sits 1,400 meters above sea level, an altitude which creates the illusion of a

silk strip hiding in the clouds above Da Nang.

3. Marble Moutain: all of the mountains have cave entrances and numerous tunnels, and it is possible to climb to the summit of one of the peaks. Several Buddhist sanctuaries can also be found within the mountains, making this a famous tourist destination. The trip ends at your hotel about 5-6 pm. Lunch time, and visiting time of each place are flexible as per your requests.

Stay at A La Carte Da Nang Beach for 4 Nights

Fri 22 Nov 2024: Hoi An Coconut Boat and Hoi An Ancient Town

Embark on an extraordinary adventure in Hoi An that's nothing short of remarkable: enchanting Coconut Forest on a traditional Bamboo Boat. with an array of delectable local dishes. The town of Hoi An comes alive under the starry night sky, a UNESCO-listed marvel. unique blend of natural beauty, cultural immersion, and culinary exploration. Book now to experience the vibrant tapestry of Vietnam like never before. Duration: 4 hours, 30 mins

Inclusions :

- Boat in Bay Mau coconut forest

- Dinner

- Air-conditioned vehicle

- All Fees and Taxes

- Hoi An night tour

What to Expect :

Bay Mau Coconut Forest

Visit the Bay Mau coconut forest. Youll explore the water coconut forest on bamboo basket boats. Youll learn to paddle bamboo basket boats from the local people as well as watch bamboo basket boat performances, and boat racing. 2 hours - Admission Ticket Included Hoi An Night Market

You will have dinner with a lot of unique local dishes like Cao Lau, Hoanh Thanh, Banh Bao, and Banh Vac. 1 hour - Admission Ticket Included Hoi An Ancient Town

Visit Hoi An ancient town, with the Japanese Bridge: This only remaining of Japanese culture is now considered a symbol of Hoi An. Take a walk on the street along the Hoai River, and enjoy the nightlife of Hoi An Town. Colorful lanterns are hung in front of the houses, across the streets and paths all around the town, which is going to make you feel peaceful and serene and want to last this walk forever. 1 hour, 30 mins - Admission Ticket Included

Sat 23 Nov 2024: Cham Island - Snorkeling Experience

Embark on a Tropical Getaway to Cham Island chaos behind and set forth on a half-day retreat to Cham Island's paradise. Glide across azure waters on our high-speed canoe, ensuring more snorkeling and less commuting. With minimal hotels, we prioritize preserving nature's essence. beaches, a serene backdrop for relaxation. Guided by Dimotrip's passionate experts, you'll not only relish in joy but also soak in cultural tales. minutes of snorkeling magic, unveiling vibrant coral reefs and marine life. Our guides fuse oceanic narratives with Vietnamese culture. Hai Tang Pagoda is an ancient echoing well, and a lively local market. Savor seafood feasts and mountain-fresh veggies, a culinary fiesta that amplifies cultural discovery. for an unforgettable island interlude symphony of nature, culture, and flavor. Cham Island beckons!"**

Inclusions :

- Round-trip speedboat transfers

- Life jacket, Snorkeling equipment - Lunch. 1 mineral water

- Entrance fees to the destinations mentioned in the itinerary

- Round trip hotel transfers within Da Nang city center only

- Entry/Admission - Cham Island (Cu Lao Cham)

What to Expect :

1. Snorkeling: Strap on your snorkel or scuba gear and prepare to be astonished by the kaleidoscope of marine life that calls these reefs home. From colorful corals to an array of tropical fish species, every dive is an encounter with nature's masterpiece.

2. Crystal-Clear Waters: The pristine waters surrounding Cu Lao Cham provide unparalleled clarity, ensuring an immersive experience where you can

witness the intricate details of the marine ecosystem. Prepare to be dazzled by the vibrant hues beneath the surface.

3. Expert Guidance: Whether you're a seasoned diver or a first-time snorkeler, Cu Lao Cham offers professional guides who will lead you through the reefs safely while sharing insights about the delicate ecosystem and its inhabitants.

- 4. Photographic Delight: Capture the vivid beauty of the underwater world through your lens.
- 5. Diving to admire the coral reefs is undeniably the most captivating activity awaiting you at Cu Lao Cham.

Sun 24 Nov 2024: Departure

Private Transfer Hotel to Airport

Prices and Departures:

Deposit £350pp

Y53624 London Heathrow from £2599pp Y53690 Manchester from £2679pp Y53691 Edinburgh from £2755pp Y53694 Glasgow from £2835pp Y53696 Birmingham from £2835pp Y53696 Dublin from £2899pp

Terms and Conditions:

Based on 2 Adults sharing subject to availability