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Bio-Treks: STEM Ecology Series

A global series of immersive STEM programs exploring biology, ecology, geology, ocean science, and environmental sustainability through hands-on fieldwork and meaningful environmental context.

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Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Cuc Phuong & Ha Long Bay, Vietnam				
Day	Meals	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1		Overnight travel to Vietnam		
2	D	Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam; clear Customs & Immigrations; transfer to Ninh Binh	Bai Dinh Pagoda & Ninh Binh Adventure	Hotel Check-in & Refresh; Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing
3	B, L, D	Earthen Building Workshop - Sustainable Building Practices with Natural Materials	Permaculture Initiation Course	Ninh Binh Night Market & Vietnamese Cuisine Dinner
4	B, L, D	Cuc Phuong Park Hike & Biodiversity Deep Dive at Cuc Phuong Museum	Cuc Phuong National Park Tree Planting Conservation Service Project	Turtle Conservation Center & Guided Tour
5	B, L, D	Endangered Primate Rescue Center & Private Tour	Endangered Primate Conservation Service Project	Carnivore & Pangolin Conservation Learning
6	B, L, D	Vietnam School Visit - Interactions & Activities		Hanoi University of Science & Technology Campus Tour
7	B, L, D	Hanoi City Tour - St Joseph's Cathedral, Hanoi Opera House & Ngoc Son Temple	Vietnam National Museum of Nature	Rose Kitchen Vietnamese Cooking Class & Dinner
8	B, L, D	Pearl Cultivation & Marine Aquaculture Experience	Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise with Cat Ba Archipelago UNESCO World Heritage Site: Sung Sot Cave, Luon Cave Kayak & Titop Island	Farewell Dinner Onboard & Reflection Discussion
9	B	Transfer to Airport, return travel Home		



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may vary depending upon dates, weather, special requests, and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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A Message From Our Team

At STEM Study Tours, we believe students learn best when they're immersed, engaged, and inspired. Every program is built with intention - blending hands-on discovery, academic depth, and meaningful experiences that help students see the world (and themselves) in new ways. Our goal is for each itinerary to spark curiosity, build confidence, and create moments students carry long after the trip ends. We're honored to partner with schools who share that vision and to help bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

— Michele & The Hammock Expeditions Team

Why Travel With Hammock Expeditions & STEM Study Tours

Schools choose us because we design programs that are organized, intentional, and built around real learning. Our itineraries combine strong academics with smooth logistics, giving teachers confidence and giving students opportunities to explore, ask questions, and grow. We partner with trusted local experts, communicate clearly, and support groups every step of the way so educators can focus on their students - not the logistics.

What Sets Us Apart

- **Purpose-Driven Itineraries** - Students actively participate in meaningful, real-world learning.
- **Safety, Structure & Professionalism** - From 24-hour support to vetted partners and clear communication, we ensure teachers can focus on their students while we handle the logistics.
- **Hands-On, High-Impact Learning** - Our programs emphasize field science, conservation, and experiential learning - the kind that sticks with students long after the trip ends.
- **Student-Centered Design** - We balance learning with fun, reflection with adventure, and structure with flexibility. Every day is crafted to keep students engaged, energized, and supported.
- **A Team That Travels With Purpose** - We're educators, planners, naturalists, and travel professionals who care deeply about student growth. Your goals become our goals.

Our Commitment to You

When you travel with us, you gain a partner who understands your vision, anticipates your needs, and delivers an experience your students will remember for years to come. We're here to support your school, empower your students, and make every moment meaningful.

We want to be your educational partner. Let us know how we may serve you.

Michele, Christina, Izzy, Dana, Taylor, and the Team



Day 1: Gateway to Vietnam

Dinner in flight

Day 2: First Steps into Vietnam

*Breakfast in flight, lunch on own, dinner included
(dependent upon flights / times)*



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A Land of Biodiversity, Conservation & Discovery: Vietnam is one of Southeast Asia's most biologically diverse nations, home to ancient forests, rare wildlife, dramatic limestone landscapes, and some of the region's most important conservation initiatives. From the jungles of Cuc Phuong National Park to the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, students journey through ecosystems that shelter endangered primates, turtles, pangolins, and countless other species. Along the way, they discover how biodiversity, sustainability, and human communities are deeply connected, and why protecting these fragile environments matters on a global scale.

A Journey for Conservation Leaders: This expedition transforms students from visitors into active participants in conservation. Through hands-on service projects, wildlife rescue programs, sustainability workshops, cultural exchanges, and encounters with scientists, educators, and conservation professionals, participants gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to protect species on the brink of extinction. As they work alongside organizations dedicated to saving wildlife and preserving habitats, students develop leadership, empathy, and a stronger sense of environmental responsibility. By journey's end, they leave not only with unforgettable memories, but with a new perspective on how individuals can make a meaningful difference in the world.

Did You Know?

- › Vietnam is home to some of the world's rarest mammals, including the critically endangered Delacour's Langur, Cat Ba Langur, and Sunda Pangolin, species found almost nowhere else on Earth.
- › The Turtle Conservation Centre at Cuc Phuong National Park cares for more than 600 turtles representing 19 native Vietnamese species and plays a leading role in rescuing turtles from the illegal wildlife trade.
- › The Endangered Primate Rescue Center has successfully bred more than 200 primates, including several species that are among the most threatened in the world.
- › Pangolins are the most illegally trafficked mammals on Earth, making Vietnam's conservation efforts critically important to the survival of these unique animals.
- › Cuc Phuong National Park is Vietnam's oldest national park and protects thousands of species of plants, insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals within one of the country's most important biodiversity hotspots.
- › Ha Long Bay contains nearly 2,000 limestone islands and karsts rising from emerald waters and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its remarkable natural beauty and geological significance.
- › Pearl oysters in Ha Long Bay are carefully implanted with a tiny nucleus to begin the pearl-formation process. It can take several years for a single cultured pearl to develop as the oyster gradually coats the nucleus with layers of luminous nacre, creating one of nature's most fascinating biological treasures.

- › Vietnam's limestone landscapes contain caves, forests, rivers, and ecosystems that support an extraordinary range of wildlife found nowhere else in the world.
- › Students on this expedition don't just learn about conservation, they actively support wildlife organizations working to protect endangered species and restore fragile ecosystems.

After arriving in Vietnam, you'll meet your Tour Director and begin your introduction to one of Southeast Asia's most fascinating destinations. During our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing, we'll explore the conservation themes that will guide the expedition, review local customs and cultural expectations, and discuss how we'll travel safely and responsibly throughout the journey. Please note that lunch is not included today to accommodate varying arrival times. If your group arrives early enough for lunch, we'll gladly direct you to a great local dining option, payable on own.

Today's activities include:



Bai Dinh Pagoda & Ninh Binh Adventure - Begin your exploration of Vietnam at the spectacular Bai Dinh Pagoda, the largest Buddhist temple complex in Southeast Asia. Surrounded by dramatic limestone landscapes, this remarkable site offers an introduction to Vietnam's rich cultural heritage, impressive architecture, and spiritual traditions. Through guided exploration and interactive challenges, students gain their first glimpse into the history, culture, and natural beauty that will define the adventure ahead.

Day 3: Sustainability in Action

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Earthen Building Workshop: Sustainable Building Practices with Natural Materials

- At La Library, students explore an innovative model of sustainable living that combines environmental stewardship, natural building techniques, and community engagement. Through hands-on activities and guided discussions, participants discover how locally sourced materials can be used to create functional, beautiful, and environmentally responsible structures while reducing the environmental impact of modern construction.



Permaculture Initiation Course

- During this interactive workshop, students learn how permaculture principles can help create more sustainable relationships between people and the natural world. By exploring concepts such as regenerative agriculture, ecosystem design, and environmental responsibility, participants gain practical insight into how individuals and communities can live in greater harmony with nature while helping restore and protect the environments around them.



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Ninh Binh Night Market – As evening falls, students immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and flavors of daily life in Vietnam. They wander through lively market stalls filled with local foods, handcrafted goods, and regional specialties while practicing cross-cultural interactions and experiencing the energy of the community after dark. It's a fun and authentic opportunity to connect with Vietnamese culture beyond the classroom.

Day 4: Forest Guardians

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Cuc Phuong National Park Hike & Cave of Early Man - Journey into the heart of Vietnam's oldest national park as students hike through lush tropical forest to the remarkable Cave of Early Man. Along the way, participants explore one of the country's most important protected ecosystems while learning about biodiversity, conservation, and the interconnected habitats that support Vietnam's unique wildlife. The hike culminates at an archaeological site where evidence of human habitation dating back thousands of years provides a fascinating glimpse into the relationship between people and the natural world throughout history.

Biodiversity Deep Dive at Cuc Phuong Museum - Explore the remarkable biodiversity of Cuc Phuong National Park through exhibits showcasing the region's rich variety of plants, insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals. Students gain a deeper understanding of the ecosystems they will encounter throughout the expedition while learning how scientists, conservationists, and national parks work together to protect Vietnam's extraordinary natural heritage.



Cuc Phuong National Park Tree Planting Conservation Service Project - Contribute directly to ongoing conservation efforts through a hands-on tree planting project within the Cuc Phuong region. Working alongside local partners, students help restore habitat, support biodiversity, and learn how reforestation plays a vital role in protecting wildlife, improving ecosystem health, and combating environmental degradation. This meaningful service experience allows participants to leave a lasting positive impact on one of Vietnam's most important natural landscapes.



Turtle Conservation Center Guided Tour - Discover one of Vietnam's leading turtle conservation programs and learn how dedicated conservationists are working to protect some of the world's most threatened turtle species. During a guided tour of the center, students explore rescue, rehabilitation, breeding, and release efforts while gaining insight into the challenges posed by habitat loss and the illegal wildlife trade. By meeting species found nowhere else on Earth, participants gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of conservation and the role protected areas play in safeguarding biodiversity.



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Hoa Lu Ancient Town Night Walk - As evening falls, students explore the beautifully illuminated streets of Hoa Lu Ancient Town, where traditional architecture, cultural performances, local shops, and scenic waterways create a memorable atmosphere. This relaxed evening provides an opportunity to experience Vietnamese culture, interact with local communities, and reflect on the day's conservation experiences while enjoying one of the region's most charming destinations.

Day 5: Saving Species from Extinction

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Endangered Primate Rescue Center & Private Tour - Go behind the scenes at one of the world's leading primate conservation facilities and discover the remarkable work being done to rescue, rehabilitate, and protect Vietnam's most endangered primate species. During a private tour, students learn about the challenges facing these rare animals, the science behind wildlife conservation, and the efforts required to prepare rescued primates for a possible return to the wild. By meeting species found nowhere else on Earth, participants gain a deeper appreciation for the importance of protecting biodiversity before it is lost forever.



Endangered Primate Conservation Service Project - Move beyond observation and become part of the conservation effort. Working alongside staff from the Rescue Center, students participate in meaningful service projects that directly support the facility's ongoing mission. Through collaborative, hands-on work using locally sourced bamboo and natural materials, participants contribute to improvements that benefit the center while gaining a deeper appreciation for the dedication, teamwork, and practical problem-solving required to protect endangered species. By the end of the project, students leave knowing they have made a lasting contribution to one of Vietnam's most important wildlife conservation organizations.



Carnivore & Pangolin Conservation Learning Experience - Explore the fascinating world of Vietnam's most threatened carnivores and pangolins while learning about the dangers of habitat loss and illegal wildlife trafficking. Students meet resident ambassador animals, hear their rescue stories, and gain insight into the work being done to rehabilitate wildlife, restore populations, and protect vulnerable species from extinction. Through interactive learning and conservation education, participants develop a deeper understanding of the challenges facing wildlife across Southeast Asia.

Day 6: Building Bridges Across Cultures

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

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Vietnam School Visit - Interactions & Activities - Experience a day of meaningful cultural exchange with students from a local Vietnamese school. Through classroom visits, collaborative projects, conservation discussions, cultural activities, and shared meals, participants work side-by-side with their Vietnamese peers while exploring global topics, exchanging perspectives, and building new friendships. This immersive experience offers a unique opportunity to discover both the similarities and differences that connect students across cultures.



Hanoi University of Science & Technology Campus Tour - Explore one of Vietnam's leading centers for science, technology, and innovation. During a guided campus visit, students gain insight into higher education in Vietnam while learning how the university prepares future scientists, engineers, researchers, and technology leaders. The experience offers a unique perspective on academic life, research, and innovation within one of Southeast Asia's fastest-growing regions.



Hanoi Night Market - As evening falls, students immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and flavors of Vietnam's vibrant capital. Wandering through colorful market stalls filled with local foods, handmade crafts, and regional specialties, participants experience everyday life in Hanoi while practicing cross-cultural interactions and discovering the energy of the city after dark. It's a fun and authentic way to connect with Vietnamese culture beyond the classroom.

Day 7: Culture, Science & Discovery

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Hanoi City Tour - Discover the rich history and architectural heritage of Vietnam's capital as you explore some of Hanoi's most iconic landmarks. From the Gothic-inspired St. Joseph's Cathedral to the elegant Hanoi Opera House and the peaceful Ngoc Son Temple, students will gain insight into the cultural influences that have shaped Vietnam's past and present while experiencing the vibrant energy of the city firsthand. Along the way, students uncover stories of resilience, tradition, and transformation that continue to define modern Hanoi.



Vietnam National Museum of Nature - Explore Vietnam's incredible natural heritage at the Vietnam National Museum of Nature. Through engaging exhibits featuring fossils, ecosystems, biodiversity, and native wildlife, students will deepen their understanding of the country's rich biological diversity and the scientific efforts being made to study and conserve it for future generations. This fascinating collection provides a fitting conclusion to the many conservation and ecology themes explored throughout the journey.



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Vietnamese Cooking Class & Dinner - Roll up your sleeves and learn the art of traditional Vietnamese cuisine during this hands-on cooking experience. Guided by local chef instructors, students will discover the ingredients, techniques, and cultural traditions behind some of Vietnam's most beloved dishes before enjoying the delicious meal they've helped create. It's a memorable opportunity to celebrate new friendships and reflect on the experiences that have made this adventure so unforgettable.

Day 8: Pearls, Peaks & Hidden Caves

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today's activities include:



Pearl Cultivation & Marine Aquaculture Experience - Discover the fascinating science behind pearl production and sustainable marine aquaculture. Students will learn how oysters are cultivated, how pearls are formed through a remarkable biological process, and how aquaculture plays an important role in supporting local economies while reducing pressure on wild marine populations. This unique experience highlights the connections between marine biology, environmental stewardship, and sustainable resource management.



Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise with Cat Ba Archipelago UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Set sail through the breathtaking waters of Ha Long Bay, one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As towering limestone karsts rise from emerald waters, students will explore the region's unique geology, coastal ecosystems, and extraordinary biodiversity while cruising through the stunning Cat Ba Archipelago. An evening aboard the ship provides an unforgettable opportunity to experience one of Vietnam's most iconic landscapes from a truly unique perspective.



Sung Sot Cave Guided Tour - Venture into the magnificent Sung Sot Cave, also known as "Surprise Cave," one of the largest and most impressive cave systems in Ha Long Bay. As you explore its vast chambers and remarkable rock formations, students will learn how geological processes have shaped this natural wonder over millions of years. The cave's dramatic stalactites and stalagmites provide a fascinating glimpse into the power of Earth's natural forces.



Luon Cave Kayak & Titop Island Exploration - Paddle through the tranquil waters surrounding Luon Cave and experience Ha Long Bay from a unique perspective. Gliding beneath limestone cliffs and into hidden lagoons, students will observe coastal ecosystems up close while exploring one of Vietnam's most spectacular marine environments. The adventure continues at Titop Island, where breathtaking views of Ha Long Bay provide the perfect opportunity to appreciate the immense scale and beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage landscape.



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Journey Reflections & Farewell Discussion - As the sun sets over the breathtaking landscapes of Ha Long Bay, gather for a guided reflection on the discoveries and unforgettable experiences of the journey. Students will have the opportunity to share favorite moments, discuss the conservation concepts explored throughout the program, and consider how the people, ecosystems, and cultures encountered have shaped their understanding of our interconnected world. Surrounded by one of Vietnam's most spectacular natural settings, this meaningful discussion provides a fitting conclusion to an extraordinary adventure.

Day 9: Carrying the Mission Home

Breakfast onboard, lunch & dinner on own

After a memorable night aboard their Ha Long Bay cruise, students will enjoy breakfast while taking in the final views of the bay's towering limestone islands and emerald waters. Following disembarkation, the group will travel back to Hanoi and transfer to the airport for their journey home, carrying with them the memories, friendships, and discoveries that have defined this incredible adventure.

As they begin their journey home, we hope the experiences of the past nine days, from wildlife conservation projects and biodiversity research to cultural exchange, marine science, and exploration of Vietnam's natural wonders, leave them inspired to continue exploring, protecting, and learning from the world around them. The lessons learned and connections made throughout the program are sure to remain long after the journey ends.

Tam Biet, Vietnam!



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Weather in Northern Vietnam

Spring (March–May): Pleasant, Green, and Comfortable

- › Temperature: 65-85°F (18-29°C)
- › Conditions: Mild temperatures, increasing sunshine, and occasional light showers as the region transitions into summer.
- › Highlights: Excellent weather for conservation & cultural experiences and exploring Vietnam's natural landscapes.
- › Packing Tips: Lightweight clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a light rain jacket, and sun protection.

Summer (June–August): Warm, Tropical, and Lush

- › Temperature: 80-95°F (27-35°C)
- › Conditions: Warm, tropical days with abundant sunshine, refreshing afternoon showers, and lush green landscapes throughout the region.
- › Highlights: Vibrant green landscapes, active wildlife, and warm waters throughout Ha Long Bay.
- › Packing Tips: Breathable clothing, rain gear, sun protection, insect repellent, and a refillable water bottle.

Fall (September–November): Cooler, Drier, and Scenic

- › Temperature: 70-85°F (21-29°C)
- › Conditions: Comfortable temperatures, decreasing humidity, and generally clear skies.
- › Highlights: One of the best times to visit, offering excellent conditions for outdoor exploration, conservation projects, and cruising among the limestone islands of Ha Long Bay.
- › Packing Tips: Light layers, comfortable walking shoes, a light jacket for evenings, and sun protection.

Winter (December–February): Cool, Refreshing, and Comfortable

- › Temperature: 55-75°F (13-24°C)
- › Conditions: Cooler temperatures with lower humidity, occasional drizzle, and some cloudy mornings.
- › Highlights: Pleasant conditions for hiking, city exploration, wildlife encounters, and educational activities throughout Northern Vietnam.
- › Packing Tips: Layers, a light-to-medium jacket, comfortable walking shoes, and a compact umbrella.

Civics & Courtesy in Vietnam

Respecting Wildlife & Conservation Areas - Many sites visited throughout the program protect endangered species and sensitive habitats. Follow guide instructions, stay on designated paths, and avoid disturbing wildlife or natural environments.

Courtesy at Temples & Cultural Sites - Temples, pagodas, and historic landmarks are important cultural and spiritual spaces. Speak quietly, follow local customs, and dress respectfully by covering shoulders and knees when visiting religious sites.

Photography & Local Communities - Photos are welcome at most locations, but always be respectful when photographing people, schools, or cultural activities. Follow any photography guidelines provided by your Tour Director.

Exploring Cities & Markets Safely - Hanoi's streets and markets can be busy and fast-moving. Stay with your group, remain aware of your surroundings, and keep personal belongings secure.

Courtesy During School & Cultural Exchanges - School visits and interactions with local communities are among the most memorable parts of the journey. A friendly smile, polite greeting, and respectful attitude go a long way in building meaningful connections across cultures.



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Taste of Vietnam – Local Favorites to Try

Vietnamese cuisine is celebrated around the world for its fresh ingredients, vibrant flavors, and balance of sweet, savory, sour, and spicy elements. Throughout Northern Vietnam, students will discover dishes shaped by centuries of cultural influences, regional traditions, and a deep connection to local agriculture and fishing communities. From bustling street markets to family-run restaurants, food is an important part of daily life and offers a delicious way to experience Vietnamese culture firsthand.

Street Food Culture: An Essential Vietnamese Experience - Vietnam is famous for its thriving street food scene, where skilled vendors prepare fresh meals right before your eyes. Small plastic stools, busy market stalls, and open-air eateries are all part of the experience. Whether enjoying a quick snack between activities or sharing a meal with new friends, students will discover why Vietnamese street food is considered some of the best in the world.

1. **Phở (Pho)** – Vietnam's most famous dish, featuring flavorful broth, rice noodles, fresh herbs, and thinly sliced beef or chicken.
2. **Bánh Mì** – A delicious Vietnamese sandwich served on a crispy baguette and filled with meats, vegetables, herbs, and sauces.
3. **Spring Rolls** – Available fresh or fried, these popular rolls are often filled with vegetables, herbs, seafood, or meat.
4. **Bún Chả** – Grilled pork served with rice noodles, fresh herbs, and dipping sauce; a Hanoi specialty.
5. **Cơm Rang (Fried Rice)** – A popular and familiar dish often prepared with vegetables, egg, and local seasonings.
6. **Grilled Seafood** – Fresh fish, squid, shrimp, and shellfish are common in coastal regions, particularly around Ha Long Bay.
7. **Sticky Rice** – A traditional favorite served sweet or savory and enjoyed throughout Vietnam.
8. **Tropical Fruits** – Dragon fruit, mango, pineapple, lychee, rambutan, and watermelon are widely available and bursting with flavor.
9. **Vietnamese Iced Coffee (Cà Phê Sữa Đá)** – A famous local drink made with strong coffee and sweetened condensed milk.
10. **Fresh Fruit Smoothies** – Made from locally grown tropical fruits, these refreshing drinks are especially popular during warmer months.

TASTE YOUR WAY ACROSS VIETNAM FOOD CHALLENGE
How many can you try during your adventure?

Good Food Brighter Horizons

- ☐ **Phở**
Vietnam's famous noodle soup with fresh herbs and rich broth.
- ☐ **Bánh Mì**
A crispy baguette sandwich packed with local flavors.
- ☐ **Fresh Spring Rolls**
Light, refreshing, and loaded with fresh ingredients.
- ☐ **Bún Chả**
A Hanoi specialty featuring grilled pork and noodles.
- ☐ **Grilled Seafood**
Fresh catches from Vietnam's coastal waters, especially popular near Ha Long Bay.
- ☐ **Dragon Fruit**
One of Vietnam's most recognizable tropical fruits.
- ☐ **Fresh Fruit Smoothies**
Made with locally grown mango, pineapple, and other tropical favorites.
- ☐ **Vietnamese Desserts**
Sweet treats featuring coconut, fruit, sticky rice, and more.

DID YOU KNOW?
Vietnamese cuisine is celebrated worldwide for its fresh ingredients, vibrant herbs, healthy cooking techniques, and balanced flavors. Many traditional recipes have been passed down through generations and remain an important part of everyday life.

CHALLENGE LEVELS

- Explorer**
Try 3 or more
- Food Adventurer**
Try 5 or more
- Vietnam Food Master**
Try all 8!

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Entry Requirements for Travel to Vietnam

Entry requirements for entering Vietnam vary by nationality, and all travelers are responsible for checking the most current information during trip planning and before departure. The guidelines below are accurate at the time of writing and are subject to change without notice. Always verify requirements through your government's travel authority and Vietnam's official immigration resources prior to travel.

General Requirements *(All International Travelers)*

- ✓ A valid passport
- ✓ A passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the date of arrival
- ✓ At least two blank passport pages
- ✓ Proof of onward or return travel may be requested
- ✓ Compliance with Vietnamese immigration and customs procedures
- ✓ No active travel restrictions or inadmissibility flags

Visa or E-Visa Requirements

- ✓ Many travelers may enter Vietnam using an approved e-Visa
- ✓ Vietnam's e-Visa is available for eligible travelers and may be issued for stays of up to 90 days
- ✓ Travelers should ensure all information on their e-Visa exactly matches their passport
- ✓ Printed and digital copies of travel documents are recommended during travel

Visa-Exempt Travelers

- ✓ Citizens of certain countries may qualify for visa-free entry
- ✓ Length of permitted stay varies by nationality
- ✓ Travelers should confirm eligibility and permitted stay duration before departure

Important Notes

- Entry requirements can change; travelers must check for updates before departure.
- Some nationalities may require additional documentation.
- Schools traveling as a group should ensure all passports meet validity requirements before finalizing flights.
- Students should carry a copy of their passport and travel documents separately from the originals whenever possible.
- Travelers arriving with incorrect visa information may be denied entry or experience delays at immigration.



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Minimum Booking Numbers: 20 students

What's Included:

- ✓ Roundtrip flights or motorcoach transfers
- ✓ 7-nights' accommodation in Vietnam with breakfasts, lunches and dinners daily, starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure; dependent upon travel times
- ✓ Airport transfers and transportation as shown in the above itinerary
- ✓ Bai Dinh Pagoda, Ninh Binh Adventure & Ninh Binh Night Market
- ✓ Earthen Building Workshop; Sustainable Building with Natural Materials
- ✓ Permaculture Initiation Course; Environmental Action
- ✓ Cuc Phuong National Park – Guided Biodiversity Hike & National Park Museum
- ✓ CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT: Tree Planting in Cuc Phuong
- ✓ Turtle Conservation Center with Guided Tour
- ✓ Hoa Lu Ancient Town Night Walk
- ✓ Endangered Primate Rescue Center with Private Tour
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- ✓ Carnivore & Pangolin Conservation Learning Experience
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- ✓ Hanoi City Tour with St Joseph's Cathedral, Hanoi Opera House & Ngoc Son Temple
- ✓ Vietnam National Museum of Nature
- ✓ Rose Kitchen Vietnamese Cooking Class (or similar)
- ✓ Pearl Cultivation & Marine Aquaculture Experience
- ✓ Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise with Cat Ba Archipelago UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ✓ Sung Sot Cave Guided Tour, Luon Kayak Experience & Titop Island
- ✓ Personal Tour Director & Vietnam National Guide
- ✓ 24-hour emergency coverage

What's Not Included:

- Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**; available at registration or purchased independently)
- Baggage costs, pay directly to airline (if required)
- Transfers to/from home airport
- Lunches, snacks, or beverages outside of designated mealtimes
- Meal selections other than those provided for the entire group (we are generally able to accommodate food allergies and cater for vegetarians, halal and in some cases vegan)
- Cost of visas, visa waivers, passports or other legal requirements for entry/return
- Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- Sightseeing / entertainment / transportation not shown in Itinerary
- Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.
- Gratuities – local guides, tour director
- Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH
- Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

As always, our staff are available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming.
If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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