

Welcome to Viet Nam

TOP Vietnam Veterans – 101 Sample Trip Itinerary

HO CHI MINH CITY – DALAT – NHA TRANG – PLEIKU – QUI
NHON -- QUANG NGAI – HOI AN – LANG CO – HUE – HO CHI
MINH CITY



(B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner

DAY	ITINERARY	14 DAYS – 13 NIGHTS
1	ARRIVE HO CHI MINH CITY	L, D
Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airport pick-up and transfer to hotel.• Lunch at local restaurant.• Conduct a humanitarian project at a children’s school for the visually impaired, and receive a massage from blind students studying massage.• Dinner at a local Vietnamese Restaurant.• Group get-together.• Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.• Brief E-mail opportunity.• Laundry opportunity.	
2	HO CHI MINH CITY	B, L, D
Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early morning visit to the wartime guerrilla stronghold of Cu Chi tunnels.• Then drive to Tay Ninh province for battlefield site visit near Nui Ba Den Mountain.• Lunch at a local restaurant in Tay Ninh province.• Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City.• Group get-together.• Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.• Brief E-mail opportunity.• Laundry opportunity.	

<p>3</p> <p>Thu</p>	<p>HO CHI MINH CITY TO DALAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This morning travel by bus across the Central Highlands to Dalat. • On the way, stop for a humanitarian project at a Leprosy village. • Pass La Nga Lake’s fish farm & tea /coffee plantations enroute. • After dinner—local tribe performs dancing and music. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Dalat. • E-mail opportunity. • Best buy location: Coffee and tea (near Bao Loc). • Best buy location: Embroidery, ethnic goods (fabric, purses and clothing). 	<p>B, L, D</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Fri</p>	<p>DALAT TO NHA TRANG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel down the Ngoan Muc Pass and along Highway 1 to Nha Trang. • Explore the centuries old Poklong Giarai Cham Tower enroute. • Picnic lunch at Cham Towers. • Late afternoon relaxation on the beach before discovering Nha Trang’s lively restaurant & nightlife scene. • Dinner at a local Vietnamese barbecue seafood restaurant. • Group get-together. • E-mail opportunity in hotel and throughout Nha Trang. • Laundry opportunity. 	<p>B, L, D</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Sat</p>	<p>NHA TRANG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free day to explore one of the most beautiful seaside cities in Viet Nam. (Including the large white Buddha, Dam market, Ponagar Cham Towers.) • Optional tour to cruise around Nha Trang’s offshore islands and snorkel, visit a Chinese doctor, or explore at your leisure. • Lunch at a local restaurant on the beach. Then the optional amazing mud baths. • Two humanitarian projects to help street children’s shelters. • Dinner at restaurant with music performance. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Nha Trang. • E-mail opportunity. • Laundry opportunity. 	<p>B, L, D</p>

6	NHATRANG TO PLEIKU	B, L, D
Sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early morning start to Central Highlands of Vietnam. • Stop to visit an ethnic village and distribute humanitarian necessities, along the way. • Lunch on the way. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Pleiku. 	
7	PLEIKU TO QUI NHON VIA DAK TO	B, L, D
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive to former battlefield locations of Kontum, and Dak To, stopping at the village of Tanh Canh on the way. • Make our way to coastal Qui Nhon via the An Khe Pass and An Khe. • Group get-together. • Overnight along the beach at Qui Nhon. • E-mail opportunity. 	
8	QUI NHON TO QUANG NGAI VIA BONG SON	B, L, D
Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian project at an orphanage and nursing home. • Drive to Binh Dinh to visit former battlefield site near Bong Son. • Lunch at a local restaurant along the way. • Drive north to Quang Ngai. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Quang Ngai. 	
9	QUANG NGAI TO HOI AN	B, L, D
Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit My Lai massacre site and speak with My Lai survivors. • Lunch along the way. • Arrive Hoi An after lunch. Shopping opportunity for silks and souvenirs. • Conduct a humanitarian project at a nursing home. • Cooking class followed by dinner with former NVA soldier as dinner guest. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Hoi An. • E-mail opportunity. • Laundry opportunity. • Best buy location: Tailored clothes, silks and art. 	

10	HOI AN TO LANG CO	B, L, D
Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A late start to Lang Co, via former battlefield locales--Marble Mountain, China beach, Red Beach and Hai Van pass. • A picnic lunch at China beach. • Afternoon free at leisure. • Dinner at Lang Co. • Group get-together on beach. • Overnight in Lang Co. • E-mail opportunity. • Best buy location at Marble Mountain: Marble products. 	
11	LANG CO TO HUE	B, L, D
Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After breakfast depart for the former Imperial capital of Vietnam - Hue. • Humanitarian project--serve lunch and provide necessities for Hue street children charity project. • Vegetarian lunch in a pagoda. • Visit the city's imposing Citadel and enclosed Forbidden Purple Palace. • Dinner at a local restaurant. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Hue. • E-mail opportunity. • Laundry opportunity. • Best buy location: Silk paintings and conical hats. 	
12	HUE – DMZ – A SHAU	B, L, D
Sat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early start for drive to the former battlefield locations—DMZ, Quang Tri, the Rockpile, Dakrong Bridge, Ho Chi Minh Trail, Khe Sanh and A Shau Valley. • Picnic lunch will be served on the way. • Conduct humanitarian project in village near Khe Sanh. • Humanitarian project: Provide necessities and serve a special meal to an orphanage. • Dinner on a boat with traditional Royal music performance. • Group get-together. • Overnight in Hue. • E-mail and laundry opportunity. • Best buy location: Silk paintings and conical hats. 	

13	HUE - FLY TO HO CHI MINH CITY	B, L, D
Sun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer to the airport for the flight to Saigon. On arrival, transfer to hotel. • Lunch at local restaurant famous for traditional noodle soup. • Visit lacquerware factory for souvenirs. • Dinner in a local Vietnamese home followed by singing at a local karaoke. • E-mail opportunity. • Best buy location: Lacquerware and wood products. 	
14	DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY	B
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This morning transfer to the airport in time to catch flight @ 12:45 PM. 	