



## 15 Day Vietnam Cooking Tour with Donna Carrier from BENT on FOOD Wingham 26 October – 10 November 2013

### Day 01: Sunday 27 October Sydney – Hanoi

Morning depart Sydney with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi (via Saigon). Upon arrival, meet your tour guide and transfer to four star hotel for 3 nights.

### Day 02: Monday 28 October Hanoi - Full day City tour (B. L. D)

Full day city tour in Hanoi, enjoy Cooking Class at Hoa Sua Restaurant. With Water puppet show tonight.

### Day 03: Tuesday 29 October Hanoi – Halong Bay (B. L. D)

Morning enjoy city tour in Hanoi. Then process to Ha Long Bay and drive pass some of the beautiful rural landscape before arriving to the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay in the afternoon. After arriving Halong Bay, board the deluxe overnight Junk Boat. Enjoy welcome drink and lunch of freshly caught seafood served on board, visit Thien Cung cave. Overnight on board (Kayaking is optional).



### Day 04: Wednesday 30 October Halong Bay – Hanoi – Hue (B. L. D)

Enjoy early morning view of the bay's landscape. Sitting on the upper deck, you can relax and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the rocky islands rising from the water of the bay before taking a small boat to visit Hang Luon. You will have free time to swim before sailing back to the harbour. After check out, have early lunch then drive back to Hanoi Airport for flight to Hue. On the way, take short visit Dong Trieu Pottery Village. Upon arrival in Hue meet your guide and transfer to four star hotel for 2 nights.



### Day 05: Hue – Thursday 31 October full day Cooking tour (B. L. D)

Today enjoy full day cooking tour in Tinh Gia Vien restaurant with traditional Hue cuisines. Overnight stays in Hue.

### Day 06: Hue - Friday 1 November Hoi An (B. L. D)

Morning visit Imperial Citadel from where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. Then depart Hue for Hoi An by road via Danang (approx 120km). We drive over the mighty Hai Van Pass for whole view of Pacific Ocean and famous Long Co fishing village. Visit the Marble Mountain village on the way and check in to four star hotel for 3 nights.



### Day 07: Hoi An – Saturday 2 November Cooking tour at Red Bridge (B. L. D)

In the morning experience the most amazing cooking class in Hoi An at famous Red Bridge restaurant. Schedule:

- Visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. We will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and purchase some of the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later.



- We board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. This is a chance to view local river life, so make sure your camera is handy.
- On arrival, we explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours – each dish is first demonstrated by the Red Bridge chef's, before we prepare the same dish ourselves. Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration).
- After the lesson, we sit down and eat exactly what we have cooked.

In the afternoon, take a walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Phuc Kien Temple, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200-year old Tam Ky ancestral house, the Japanese Covered Bridge.

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**Day 08: Sunday 3 November Hoi An (B)**

Free leisure time.

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**Day 09: Monday 4 November Hoi An – Nha Trang – Cooking tour (B. L)**

After breakfast, transfer to Danang airport for short flight to Nha Trang. On arrival take a boat trip alongside of Cai River to countryside restaurant, here you can enjoy a cooking class. Check in to four star hotel for 2 nights.




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**Day 10: Tuesday 5 November Nha Trang (B. L)**

Board a boat at Cau Da port to visit some of the nearby islands. There are opportunities to swim or snorkel in the clear warm water, or take a nap under an umbrella on the sand. Afternoon, return to shore and take a relax mud bath.

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**Day 11: Wednesday 6 November Nha Trang – Saigon (B. L. Cruise Dinner)**

Fly to Saigon this morning. City tour in Saigon includes Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Post Office, and the War Museum where we can view the photos of American & Vietnam War. Then stop at the Reunification Palace; a glimpse into the lifestyle of the democratic regime of former South Vietnam for taking photos. Check in to four star hotel for 3 nights. Enjoy dinner on Saigon River Cruise.




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**Day 12: Thursday 7 November Saigon – Full day cooking tour / baking tour (B. L. D)**

In the morning enjoy cooking class at Vietnam cookery Central (8h30 - 12h30). Detail Menu will be based on request of exact day (it has 7 menus for 7 days in a week- 01 dish will be performed on spot). Then visit Tan Nhat Huong Bakery factory and enjoy the experience making cakes.




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**Day 13 Friday 8 November Saigon – Mekong Delta - Saigon (B. L)**

Morning departure for Mekong Delta (Vinh Long Province), drive overland to Cai Be, in the heart of the Mekong Delta. On arrival Cai Be, board a sampan boat to visit Cai Be floating market experience how local people exchanging their goods, fruit and many other commodities on the river. Late afternoon we drive back to Saigon.

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**Day 14: Saturday 9 November – Sydney (B)**

Morning free leisure time. Afternoon met at the hotel and transfer to airport for your flight home.

**Day 15: Sunday 10 November Sydney – Arrival (B)**

Arrive home in the morning with exciting memories.

National tour escort: Mr Dzung

# Tour Price \$3855 pp<sub>(cash, chq, effpos)</sub> twin share

Visa or M card incurs a 1.8% merchant fee

\*\*\*\*\* priced on a minimum of 16 passengers participating \*\*\*\*\*

## Single +\$710

**DEPOSIT \$855 pp** within 7 days of booking – insurance should be taken when non refundable deposit is paid

**BALANCE** by 25 August 2013 – Passport with Visa application completed needs to accompany balance

### Tour Inclusions:

- Return international & Domestic airfare with Vietnam Airlines
- Current departure taxes of \$390 (taxes will change)
- 4 star hotel accommodation (twin share)
- Deluxe transports & transfers in Vietnam
- All meals and shows as per itinerary and cooking classes
- All entry fees and administration fees in Vietnam
- Vietnam Single Entry Visa (single entry)

### Tour Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature
- **Travel insurance - is compulsory to participate in this group tour. Special group coverage to age 70yrs with no pre-existing illness is \$120 pp with a nil excess. Plan L Suresave – underwritten by Lloyds of London – Travelworld can assist with any questions to make sure you have the correct coverage**

## **BOOKINGS:-**

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