

**VN001 Vietnamese Venture 15 Days**

**Community Development Project:**



Physiotherapy, Repairs & Renovations, Gardening and Teaching English

Your Community Development project is with the Vietnam Friendship Village - you will assist young victims of Agent Orange (the chemical defoliant used in the Vietnam War) by teaching English and gardening in its organic garden. Vietnam Friendship Village is a project founded and funded by the governments of Vietnam, USA, UK, France and Germany. The Village is home for 160 children and elderly or disabled adults, who are victims of Agent Orange.



**Trip Highlights:**

- Volunteering at the Friendship Village
- Saigon and Cu Chi Tunnels
- Mekong Delta
- Hoi An's laid back atmosphere
- A "cyclo" ride through Hanoi's old town
- Kayaking in Halong Bay

### Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1	Arrive Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City); City tour	(D)
Day 2	Saigon tour, Cu Chi Tunnels	(B)
Day 3-4	Mekong Delta overnight boat trip	(B,L,D)
Day 5	Fly to Danang, transfer to Hoi An	(B)
Day 6	Hoi An tour	(B)
Day 7	Hue city tour	(B,L)
Day 8	Fly to Hanoi; City Tour	(B)
Day 9-12	Volunteering	(B,L,D)
Day 13-14	Halong Bay overnight cruise	(B,L,D)
Day 15	Hanoi, Trip ends	(B)

### Trip Description:

We tour bustling Saigon, including the War Museum, beautiful temples, and finish up with a body thumping massage at the Blind Institute! The following day we visit the Cu Chi Tunnels – a complex maze of tunnels used by the Viet Cong to get near South Vietnam’s Saigon headquarters – and the bizarre Cao Dai temple – an amalgam of several religions, with patron saints such as William Shakespeare!

A trip to Vietnam would not be complete without experiencing the Mekong Delta by boat – its friendly locals will make you feel like you are the first foreigners they have ever seen! In Hoi An you will feel like you have stepped back 100 years. Cycling is an ideal way to explore this town, famous for its expert tailors. We take a bicycle tour of the former imperial capital Hue, exploring sights such as the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City and Dong Ba market.

We fly to Hanoi and explore this delightful city, including Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum and house, the renowned Museum of Ethnology, a “cyclo” ride through the old town, and capping off the day viewing Hanoi’s celebrated water puppets. Your Community Development project is with the Vietnam

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We have a night in a luxury junk in Halong Bay, where you can kayak, swim or snorkel amidst the unsurpassed beauty of these thousands of tiny islands. En route to Halong Bay we have a short stop at the Sao Dao centre run for and by handicapped children.

Your adventure ends in Hanoi; however flights can be arranged back to Saigon (extra cost).

Please allow an additional US\$115 for meals not included

**Comfort Level:** 4/5

Accommodation is high quality 4\* hotels (8 nights), on-site in simple accommodation whilst volunteering (4 nights) and overnight aboard a boat in the Mekong Delta (1 night) and aboard a luxury junk on Halong Bay (1 night).

**Activity Level:** 1/5

**Min. Travellers per Group:** 2

**Max. Travellers per Group:** 12

**Police Check Required?** Yes