

# **Tailormade Phan Thiet beach extension**

#### Relax on Vietnam's beaches

After a busy sightseeing trip around Vietnam or neighbouring countries, what better way to end your holiday than a relaxing stay at one of Vietnam's beautiful and relaxing beaches? The local fishing harbour is the perfect place to watch the world go by and a photographers haven. With dramatic white sand dunes, unspoilt beaches and clear blue sea, Phan Thiet is the perfect place to unwind before heading home. Alternatively, head to Phu Quoc in the south, a perfect end to any trip ending in Southern Vietnam or Cambodia.

#### Enriching tailor-made journeys - for you

This bespoke extension features some of our favourite hotels in Vietnam. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches or maybe opt for an alternative beach destination, like Phu Quoc Island, Nha Trang or peaceful Ho Tram.

We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

# Trip highlights

#### **ACCOMMODATION GRADE:**

#### Indulge

If you are looking for the best of both worlds, with adventurous days and indulgent nights, our Indulge level tailor-made tours may be just the answer. On these tours you can enjoy busy days packed with adventure and activity, followed by relaxing evenings unwinding in the comfort of accommodation hand-picked for its high level of comfort and service. Some hotels are full of historical interest too: a converted palace in India for example, or a restored colonial mansion in Latin America.

### TRIP PACE:

#### Relaxed

You can enjoy easy-going activities and experiences on these Relaxed pace tours, with opportunities to absorb the sights and immerse yourself in the local surroundings, but still come home feeling relaxed and refreshed.

# **Itinerary**

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

## DAY 1 - Depart Ho Chi Minh City

After finishing your Explore Tailormade itinerary or group tour in Ho Chi Minh City, you will be transferred to the coast for your stay in Phan Thiet.



Accommodation: Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa (or similar)



Indulge Resort Hotel





Swimming pool available



Included Meals: None

## DAY 2 - Relax on the beaches

The next two days are free to relax on the local beaches, in the grounds of your hotel or explore the local markets and fishing harbour.



Accommodation: Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa (or similar)



Indulge Resort Hotel





Swimming pool available



Included Meals: Breakfast

# DAY 3 - Explore the local fishing village

Today is free for you to explore the local fishing village or perhaps you would like to relax at your hotel. Why not treat yourself to a spot of pampering in a spa?



Accommodation: Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa (or similar)



Indulge Resort Hotel





Swimming pool available



Included Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4 - Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Today you leave the beauty of the coast and return to Ho Chi Minh City for your flight home or to continue your South-East Asian adventure.



Included Meals: Breakfast

# What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 3



Transport

Private car



Trip staff

Driver



Accommodation

3 nights indulge resort hotel

# **Trip information**

# **Country information**

## **Vietnam**

## Climate

As Vietnam is a long, narrow country from north to south climate conditions vary considerably. The climate can be divided into three distinct patterns between the north, central and south regions. The climate in the north is generally humid and subtropical, although the winter months from November to March can be colder with temperatures from 10 - 15 degrees. Summer months, May to September can be quite hot with temperatures from 30 - 35 degrees. Meanwhile south Vietnam enjoys a tropical climate all year round, with little variation throughout the year (around 27 - 32 degrees), however May to November is the rainy season when short, heavy downpours are quite frequent. Central Vietnam lies somewhere in between. The coastal strip is usually dry and hotter from April to October while November to March is wetter and cooler. A light rain jacket and small umbrella are recommended year round.

#### Time difference to GMT

+7

#### Plugs

2 Pin Round

#### Religion

Mahayana Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism

#### Language

Vietnamese

## **Budgeting and packing**

#### **Country Information**

## **Vietnam**

## Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

#### Dinner price

£9

## Beer price

£2.00 - 4.00

#### Water price

£0.5

## Foreign Exchange

### Local currency

Dong.

#### Recommended Currency For Exchange

Carry your money in US\$ Dollars cash. You can also take GBP but US\$ are easier to exchange. (Dollar bills can be used in some hotels and shops; change is often given in local currency).

#### Where To Exchange

Most towns.

#### **ATM Availability**

There are ATMs virtually everywhere in Vietnam and in Cambodia, though we also recommend bringing cash.

### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit card's are widely accepted throughout Vietnam

#### **Travellers Cheques**

Travellers cheques are not recommended as they can be difficult to exchange

# Transport, Accommodation & Meals

## **Accommodation notes**

#### Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

#### Standard

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these holidays are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our Standard style of trip. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

#### Coco Beach Resort

Coco Beach Resort is located on Mui Ne beach. The bungalow rooms are situated in tropical gardens, facing the beachfront and with a private terrace. Rooms are simply furnished, yet comfortable, with air-conditioning and mini-bar. The resort also has a pool, pub. beach bar and two restaurants.

#### Premium

On Premium level tailor-made holidays you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Premium level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

#### Blue Ocean Resort

The Blue Ocean Resort is a modern property, located on Mui Ne Beach, Phan Thiet. The hotel offers a swimming pool, spa services, fitness centre and restaurant serving European and Asian cuisine. The Pool View Bungalows have air-conditioning, minibar, Wi-Fi and a terrace overlooking the pool.

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## Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa

Anantara Mui Ne Resort & Spa is located on Mui Ne beach, just outside Phan Thiet town. Rooms are modern with a Vietnamese twist. The deluxe ocean view rooms have a private balcony overlooking Phan Thiet Bay. All rooms are have a television, airconditioning, Wi-Fi and mini-bar. The resort also offers a range of dining options, a large pool, fitness centre and spa.

## **Essential Information**

### **FCO Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click here.

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click here

#### Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. **Booking Conditions** 

## **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

#### **Transfers**

#### Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.

#### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

#### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click here

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

#### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

#### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

#### Vietnam

## Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hepatitis A. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on Malaria and Zika Virus. Although not compulsory travellers may also wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.