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CENTRAL VIETNAM Old Annam ~ Dynasties, Cooking and the Perfume River

Da nang, Hoi An, Hue World Heritage cities, cooking school and river cruise

5 NIGHTS 6 DAYS

Two persons: \$699pp

(twin/double share)

Four persons: \$609pp

(twin/double share)

Single supplement: \$326pp

Independent, unescorted



2010 departure dates

Every day

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In central Vietnam we visit two world heritage listed towns of Hoi An and Hue.

Like all Vietnamese, people from Hoi An and Hue love their food - in fact you could say they are obsessed! As soon as breakfast is finished thoughts turn to lunch and dinner, so it is not surprising that you will find lots of restaurants and cafés in these lovely old towns.

Our journey starts from Hoi An located on the banks of the Thu Bon River. The architecture and food of Hoi An reflect the influences of Chinese and Japanese traders who visited through the last five centuries. Many famous local dishes such as cao lau noodles, or stuffed squid with pork mince and spring onion are on the menu and cooking classes are popular. We will visit the Red Bridge Cooking School.

Hoi An is known to have the best tailors in Vietnam. Here you can have shirts, skirts, suits and blouses made to order in the best quality fabrics at very reasonable prices.

We continue our journey by driving north to Hue via the Hai Van pass ('where clouds meet the sea'). This is a spectacular drive with magnificent views. Hue is the former capital of Vietnam and the home of the last dynasty (the Nguyen) from 1802 to 1945. Hue has a wonderful history with many reputable families linked to the former dynasty still living, trading and working in the area. They are known for their distinct and stylish speech and the girls will often dress in the traditional ao dai.

The cuisine of Hue has its genesis in the former Imperial Court where harmonising food elements, decorations and colours come together to create a gastronomic work of art. Don't forget to try some local dishes such as com trai dua (rice cooked with fresh coconut juice), banh bot loc boc tom thit (rice pastry containing shrimp and meat), or a simple noodle soup with beef and pork meat (bun bo gio heo).

Trip Overview

Day 1: Da Nang – Hoi An. Meet on arrival in Da Nang, then drive to Hoi An.

Day 2: Hoi An – Red Bridge Cooking School, then free time.

Day 3: Hoi An – Free time to explore this old town.

Day 4: Hoi An – Hue Pick up then drive to Hue – visit the citadel.

Day 5: Hue – The Perfume River cruise and the tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh.

Day 6: Hue – Transfer to the airport.

Inclusions

- All transfers and tours as indicated in the program with an English-speaking guide
- Accommodation at hotels in Hoi An and Hue, with daily breakfasts
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Air-conditioned private vehicle

Exclusions

- International and domestic flights
- Travel insurance
- Vietnam visa
- Personal expenses, such as drinks, laundry etc.
- Services not mentioned in the program
- Meals, unless indicated in the program
- Other costs not mentioned in the program