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Vietnam Golf Tour

12 Day Conducted Tour

only **\$4,465** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and levies

This great tour includes all of the following:

- ❖ Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Hanoi with Singapore Airlines plus two flights within Vietnam.
- ❖ A 11 day coach and air tour of Vietnam from South to North, visiting Saigon, Mekong Delta, Danang, Hoi An and Hanoi.
- ❖ 5 rounds of golf at some of Vietnam's top golf courses, including Long Thanh Golf Course near Saigon, the Greg Norman designed Danang Golf Resort, the famous Montgomerie Links in Danang, the natural beauty of Sky Lake Golf Club and King's Island Golf Club near Hanoi, uniquely accessible by speed boat.
- ❖ All transport and transfers.
- ❖ Excellent accommodation, mainly 5 star.
- ❖ Many meals, as per the itinerary.
- ❖ Prepaid gratuities to the tour guide and drivers.
- ❖ Service of a Vietnamese tour guide and if there are 12 or more participants an Australian tour escort



If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1185.

Tour departs Australia 11th February and returns 22nd February 2019

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Vietnam Golf Tour

Note: Meals are included in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

11.02.19 Australia – Singapore - Saigon, Vietnam

Depart Sydney at 9.05am on SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.10pm.

Depart Melbourne at 10.35am on SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.15pm.

All passengers depart Singapore at 5.35pm on SQ 186, arriving in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) at 6.45pm.

Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our 5 star hotel for a four night stay.

Our hotel is located in the heart of downtown Saigon and conveniently situated for us to explore this fascinating city.

Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

12.02.19 Saigon

(B/L/D)

In the morning there is a short walking tour around downtown Saigon, passing the Opera House, City Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral and The Central Post Office. After that we visit the former Presidential Palace (Reunification Palace), the War Remnants Museum and China Town with a visit Thien Hau Temple, which is the oldest Chinese temple dedicated to the Sea Goddess. Pho (traditional Vietnamese noodle soup) and spring rolls will be for lunch. In the afternoon we have a 65km drive northwest of Saigon through rubber and tapioca plantations to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing complex of underground tunnels used during the Vietnam War. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

13.02.19 Saigon – Long Thanh Golf Course

(B/D)

This morning we travel to Long Thanh Golf Club to enjoy 18 holes of golf with green fees, caddy and motorised cart included. Long Thanh Golf Club was voted the best golf course in Vietnam in 2007 by the readers of the Vietnam Golf Magazine. The club features 36 holes of golf set in former rice paddies and scenic countryside surrounding Saigon. Each hole has its own characteristic shape and unique view, offering a wide variety of unique challenges to both novice and professional. The fairways are lined with beautiful oil palm trees and other similar species, the emphasis being on evergreen varieties to help keep the course looking pristine throughout the year.

This evening we enjoy a dinner cruise on the Saigon River.

Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

14.02.19 Saigon - My Tho (Mekong Delta)

(B/L)

Morning departure from the hotel for our trip to My Tho, which is a two hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City. My Tho is a prosperous town of 250,000 inhabitants in the Mekong Delta. It is famous for its extensive orchards and immense rice fields. We enjoy a boat ride on the Mekong River and stop at an island to visit a bee keeping farm and try the honey kumquat tea and local candy. Then we have a fruit tasting at a nearby orchard, before boarding a small sampan to sail through the maze of canals, experiencing local life along the way. Next we have a horse ride on a cart, which was the traditional transportation of the area, with lunch included at a farmer's house. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon.

Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

15.02.19 Saigon – Danang – Hoi An

(B/L/D)

Today we transfer to the airport for our morning flight to Danang. Upon arrival in Danang we stop at the 5 Marble Mountains and China Beach, where the Americans came for Rest & Relaxation during the Vietnam War. We then continue to Hoi An where we will enjoy a short walking tour to orient yourself with the town. Enjoy an excellent lunch at 'LY' cafe.

We have a few hours to refresh and discover the historical town of Hoi An, which was a prosperous seaport city during the 16th to 18th centuries. Its community of foreign merchants resulted in a unique architectural style with Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese and French influences. It is a good place for shopping, especially tailoring. It is a very laid back town and is only 4km to the beach.

In the late afternoon we will have a one hour cruise on the Thu Bon River before a beautiful dinner with a cooking demonstration in a local restaurant 'The Market Place'.

Accommodation: Hotel Royal Hoi An MGallery

16.02.19 Danang – Hoi An

(B/D)

In the morning we enjoy 18 holes of golf at the Greg Norman designed Danang Golf Club. The Dunes Course is built on the sandy loam soil of Danang Beach, a place where history is revered as much as the golf. The club is located directly on the beach that the American's used for their first landing and adjacent to the American's main supply depot and air field used during the conflict of the 1960's. The natural coastline amid a seaside landscape is very similar to what the world's first courses were carved from, an experience crafted as much by Mother Nature as it was by the legendary Great White Shark, Greg Norman. In other words, it's links style golf in the truest sense of the term. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Hotel Royal Hoi An MGallery

17.02.19 Danang

(B/D)

This morning we transfer to Montgomerie Links Golf Club for 18 holes of golf. The 2012 Forbes Travel Guide rated Montgomerie Links as one of Asia's ten most elite courses. It has been designed to capitalise on its close proximity to the warm tranquil East Sea and famed Marble Mountains, which are clearly visible from various points on the 18 hole course. The over-arching philosophy behind all of Colin Montgomerie's designs is to work closely with the natural characteristics of each site. Montgomerie Links has many truly outstanding natural features. The sandy soil, wind-blown dunes and indigenous vegetation combine to create a framework for a very strong links style golf course that caters to players of all abilities and is a sheer delight to play. The stunning par-5 12th hole is truly memorable. Playing slightly uphill to a bunker riddled fairway, the hole is framed by the clubhouse in the background and has been described as the best par-5 in Vietnam.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax at our hotel. Dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Hotel Royal Hoi An MGallery

18.02.19 Danang – Hanoi

(B/D)

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival we travel approximately 90 minutes out of Hanoi to enjoy 18 holes of golf at the Sky Lake Resort & Golf Club, which is a highly regarded 36 hole golf facility in north Vietnam. The 192 hectares of sweeping fairways and native flora are set against a stunning backdrop of limestone mountains to create an inspirational setting for golf.

The Sky Course is the work of Bori Golf Design Ltd and lead designer Mr. Ahn Moon Hwan. The natural beauty of the landscape has been used to create continuity and consistency throughout the design. Subtle use of different elevations and aspects create a true and honest test of golf.

The signature hole of the Sky Course is the 15th, aptly named Dien Bien Phu (a historic Vietnamese battle) due to its topography and difficulty. This hole is a true risk and reward experience that promises to become one of the more famous holes in the region. Following this we return to Hanoi and check into our hotel for a three night stay. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Intercontinental West Lake Hotel

19.02.19 Hanoi

(B/L/D)

This morning we visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and Residence, followed by One Pillar Pagoda. Next we enjoy a one hour cyclo ride around the Old and the French Quarters of Hanoi. Lunch will be at KOTO restaurant, who's owner employs and trains disadvantaged Vietnamese in the hospitality industry.

The afternoon is at leisure to relax or further explore Hanoi.

This evening we have dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Intercontinental West Lake Hotel

20.02.19 Hanoi – King's Island Golf Club

(B/D)

Today we are transferred 36 kilometres from Hanoi to King's Island Golf Resort for 18 holes of golf. We access the course by a 3 minute speed boat ride across Dong Mo Lake to an exclusive hideaway island. Be dazzled by its tranquil beauty and enjoy a game of golf on what some of the best designers from around the world have referred to as the best golf course in Vietnam. The complex includes 36 holes situated on 350 hectares of land and 1500 hectares of water. The Lakeside course name says it all, with 14 holes bringing water into play. The Mountainview course provides unforgettable views of the surrounding mountains. This award winning golf club provides an experience not to be missed.

This evening we have an excellent farewell dinner at Jackson Restaurant.

Accommodation: Intercontinental West Lake Hotel

21.02.19 Hanoi – Singapore – Australia

(B)

All passengers depart Hanoi at 12.35pm on SQ 175, arriving in Singapore at 5.15pm. Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 8.00pm on SQ 247, arriving in Melbourne at 6.25am the next morning (22.02.19).

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 8.40pm on SQ 221, arriving in Sydney at 7.40am the next morning (22.02.19).

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.15pm on SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.15am the next morning (22.02.19).

Note:

The international airfares with Singapore Airlines permit up to 30 kgs of luggage per person. Your golf clubs are included in this amount. The domestic flights within Vietnam include one checked bag per person up to 20Kg and a golf set of up to 15kg per person. We recommend you bring a slimline golf travel bag to cut down on weight.

Also note that the five golf games on this tour include 18 holes of golf, motorised cart (one cart between two persons) and, where applicable, a caddy.

It is customary in Asia to provide a gratuity to the caddy at the end of each round.

Golf clubs and golf shoes are not included.



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

Tour Difficulty Level 3

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Vietnam Golf Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Visas are required for all passport holders to Vietnam. Visa fee for an Australian passport holder is \$95 and we charge \$30 for processing. Please note: Visa fees are subject to any increases imposed by the Vietnamese and government. We do not recommend that you apply for your Vietnamese visa online, as this can result in delays at the airport when you arrive. There are also certain risks associated with this process which we hold no responsibility for. Please note that if you intend to get a visa online/arrival, you do so at your own risk. The tour group will not wait for any time spent obtaining visas at the airport and you may need to arrange a separate transfer at your own expense.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Special Dietary Requests – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details and

severity: _____

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided?

Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain?

Yes / No

If no, please provide details about these

limitations: _____

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No

If yes, please provide

details: _____

5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No

If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your

relationship to them: _____

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No

If yes, please provide

details: _____

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience

memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not

recommended): _____

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No

If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the

previous questions, please provide a description

here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

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