# **\$SILVERSEA**Tour Programme

Silver Shadow 3906B / 4 Days

March-08-2019 / March-12-2019 Hong Kong, China / Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



Date	Arrive	Depart
8 Hong Kong, China		11:00 PM
<b>9</b> Day at sea		
<b>10</b> Chan May, Vietnam	8:00 AM	7:00 PM
<b>11</b> Day at sea		
<b>12</b> Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	8:00 AM	

## **General Information**

#### ORGANISED SHORE EXCURSIONS

Booking Direct with Silversea gives you peace of mind. Our local tour operators are fully insured and have been comprehensively vetted. In the unlikely event of issues with a Silversea tour, we assume responsibility and the ship will wait for our delayed shore excursion. These are important factors when comparing value. Looking for a special program with your travelling companions? In a nod to our Italian heritage, let us reserve for you our Silver Shore "Privato" service - a private vehicle with driver and/or guide. Create your own itinerary or leave it to us. This service is available in most ports which you can reserve on MySilversea (my.silversea.com) or at the Shore Concierge desk onboard for a truly tailor-made arrangement. Please bear in mind as we traverse many far reaching destinations, the local infrastructure varies and is beyond our control. Road conditions and vehicles available locally may not be up to standards we are accustomed to. Guides and drivers may speak with a heavy accent at times depending on the port of call. Be assured however that at Silversea, we contract only the best tours and best operators available at each destination. Please Note: Silversea reserves the right to make any changes or modify a tour in case of unforeseen circumstances and/or to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests.

#### **BOOKING & CANCELLATION DEADLINES**

Shore excursions must be purchased on or before the booking deadline for each port of call. Tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis; some tours are very popular with guests often ending up being wait-listed: in order to avoid disappointment, it is therefore suggested to book in advance via my.silversea.com from 120 days until 48 hours prior to sailing. Last-minute requests to participate on excursions are subject to space availability, which in some cases may not be determined until departure time pier-side. Please note that certain shore excursions may have different reservation deadlines and may incur cancellation fees if cancelled after the deadline. Unless otherwise indicated in the tour description for a particular shore excursion a 100% cancellation fee will be charged for shore excursions cancelled within 48 hours of the scheduled start time. If changes or cancellations are required once onboard, tickets must be returned to the Shore Concierge desk within the cancellation deadline period.

#### ONLINE ADVANCE RESERVATION OF SHORE EXCURSIONS

For those of you that are not aware, at Silversea you can pre-reserve your excursions at leisure prior to your journey on the internet, log on to MySilversea (my.silversea.com) until 48 hours prior to sailing. If you have pre-reserved your excursions on line, your tickets will be delivered to your suite upon embarkation and all charges will be billed to your shipboard account.

#### ON BOARD RESERVATIONS

Once on board, you may also reserve and purchase your shore excursions. You will find a consolidated tour booking form in your suite and at the Shore Concierge desk. Select the tours in which you wish to participate, then leave the completed and signed form at the Shore Concierge desk prior to the booking deadline indicated. Tour tickets will be delivered to your suite and your selected excursions charged to your shipboard account. Overland and exclusive excursions must be pre-paid by credit card through your reservation agents. If still available they may also be purchased on board. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participants in order to operate as described. If this minimum number is not met, Silversea reserves the right to offer the programme at a different rate or to cancel the specific departure.

#### SHORE EXCURSION PRICING

Prices are generally quoted per person, per tour, with the exception of Silver Shore Privato or group-designated excursions. Prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit MySilversea (my.silversea.com) for the most up-to-date information. Discounts for children under 12 years of age are available on some, but not all tours. Prices for children, if available, will be adjusted onboard. Please meet with the Shore Concierge team prior to your excursion to discuss the availability of children's pricing.

#### **ON-TIME TOUR DEPARTURES**

As a courtesy to fellow guests, tour departures generally will not be announced unless there is an unforeseen change. Departure times from the ship are published in the ships daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicle. Guests are kindly requested to proceed ashore at least ten minutes prior to the tour departure time. The Shore Concierge team will be pier-side to direct you to the appropriate transportation. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore.

Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and tour departures as local conditions dictate. Please note that pier departure times are also listed in MySilversea (my.silversea.com)

#### **TOUR SUITABILITY**

At Silversea we offer a broad range of activities for our guests of all physical capabilities. Some excursions are decidedly only for the physically fit and active guest. Each excursion offered is clearly identified with an activity level to assist you. For your safety and enjoyment and that of your fellow guests, please be certain you're selecting excursions that meet your physical capability. We therefore encourage guests to review the tour description carefully including the PLEASE NOTE section which includes useful information and attend the port talks onboard. If you still have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Shore Concierge (<a href="mailto:shoreconcierge@silversea.com">shoreconcierge@silversea.com</a>) prior to your cruise or visit the Shore Concierge desk for more detailed information once onboard.

#### ON LAND SILVER SHORE CONCIERGE SERVICES

Let Silversea Cruises customise a special event or excursion exclusively for you. Expert Shore Excursion professionals are available to assist with knowledgeable suggestions, personalised planning and coordination of all private, independent touring including area highlights, flightseeing, water sports and more. To take advantage of this service, requests should be submitted no later than 30 days prior to sailing and guests must have a deposited or fully paid cruise booking. Strict cancellation policies apply to your confirmed, exclusive programme. When calling or emailing, please have your booking number available. There is a service fee of \$100 per port to secure your arrangements, however this fee will be applied to your confirmed programme in that port. Call +1.800.968.9518 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:shoreconcierge@silversea.com">shoreconcierge@silversea.com</a> The Shore Concierge may be contacted by phone, to arrange tailor-made tours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (East Coast time U.S.) You may leave a detailed message when calling outside of these hours. You may also e-mail your request for your personalised programme.

#### ONBOARD SHORE CONCIERGE TEAM

Whether you wish to participate in an organised shore excursion or bespoke tailor-made tour, Silversea's experienced Shore Concierge team are happy to assist you in ensuring your shore- side experiences are nothing less than a memory that lasts forever.

The Shore Concierge team is available onboard on sea days from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Office opening hours in port may vary whilst staff is shore-side assisting you on tour. Please refer to the Silversea Chronicle for daily office opening hours. When contemplating a tailor-made program onboard, please contact the Shore Concierge team as early as possible at the beginning of your cruise, as time may be a factor in reaching local contacts. Please be aware that once arrangements have been confirmed, 100% cancellation fee will be applied. Unfortunately, we are unable to change or cancel airline tickets, car rental, hotel or any other reservations you made previously with your travel agent or on your own. In many ports of call there may be a local hospitality representative on board to provide additional information, for two hours after the ship's arrival. In some ports, local information may be found in the tourist information centre ashore.

#### PORT TALKS

Throughout your cruise we'll be offering Port & Shore Excursion information given by our Shore Concierge Manager and Destination Consultant prior to arrival in each port of call. Our aim is to give you a travel experience that goes beyond the ordinary and many of your questions about our ports of call will be answered in these briefings, giving you more time to enjoy and immerse yourself in each port. The information is presented in the theater or is pre-recorded and played on your in-suite entertainment system.

#### SILVERSEA SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary transportation may be provided by Silversea when the local town is beyond a reasonable walking distance from the port. This service may not be possible in ports where a strong taxi union exists, preventing Silversea from providing a complimentary shuttle. The availability and schedule for this service will be announced onboard and listed in the Silversea Chronicle. We are not able to advise this in advance. Operationally, intervals between shuttle bus departures could be affected by local traffic. Silversea is not liable for any unforeseen delays. There will be a break in service for driver meal times. Shuttle service is offered during the day only. The shuttle service is designed to augment local transportation; guests requiring more flexibility may prefer not to wait for a shuttle and secure a taxi at their own expense.

#### CHILDREN ON TOUR

To ensure the safety of our younger guests, participation by children in certain shore excursions may be restricted. To ensure the safety of our younger guests, children up to the age of 8 years old are only permitted to participate in suitable Silver Shore Excursions and the shuttle service, if the vehicles are equipped with the correct safety harness and seating equipment, to accommodate a child. Such harnesses' and secure seating cannot be guaranteed. Alternately guests may use their own approved safety seat, booster seat or harness as long as they are compatible with the local touring vehicle and can properly secure the young guest. Silversea reserves the right to refuse children under the age of 8 years old on any tour on the basis of safety.

#### **GRATUITIES**

Gratuities for local guides and drivers are not included in the excursion price. It is customary to tip tour guides and drivers. Such gratuities if extended, should be done so on a voluntary, individual basis.

#### **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

As a courtesy to fellow guests, kindly refrain from using mobile telephones while on tour so as not to interfere with the guide's explanation. Most tours make frequent stops, allowing time for guests to use their mobile telephones. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

#### **SMOKING**

For reasons of safety and comfort, smoking is not permitted on any tour vehicles used by Silversea. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

#### VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CHARGES

At some museums, sites and monuments, photography and/or the use of video cameras may not be allowed or may incur a charge. These charges are not included in the tour price and are at guests' own expense.

#### SHOPPING STOPS

While our organised excursions are not generally geared to the serious shopper, some tours allow for short shopping stops as indicated in the tour description. In the interest of all tour participants, guests should adhere to the allotted time and return to the tour vehicle promptly as advised by the tour guide or ship's escort. Please Note: The selection of shops is generally left to the discretion of the tour operator. Silversea does require that establishments be reputable, of general interest to our quests and offer quality goods. However, all purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

#### **ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Silversea Cruises Ltd. and its associated or affiliated companies act solely as agents for airlines, motorcoach companies, railroads and other service providers. The provisions in the cruise ticket contract govern Silversea Cruises Ltd.'s responsibility to guests and Silversea Cruises Ltd. shall not be liable in any manner, for any reason, with respect to other services provided. Silversea Cruises Ltd. cannot be held responsible for conditions prevalent ashore at ports of call. Some of these conditions might preclude individuals with disabilities from safe or practical participation in organised shore excursions. Silversea Cruises Ltd. cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay in rail, plane, vessel or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. These tour descriptions are a general overview of the programme and are subject to change. Our local operator reserves the right to substitute other sites if local situations, including holidays, closures, weather, delays, congestion, etc. require. Silversea Cruises Ltd. reserves the right to adjust shore excursion pricing.

#### **INSURANCE**

The extent of insurance coverage in foreign countries varies widely and depends on their laws and customs. It is suggested that guests consider short-term health and accident policies from their own insurance company prior to leaving home. Silversea Cruises, Ltd. cannot assume liability for baggage or other personal effects lost or damaged while those items are in the custody of an airline, hotel or other service provider. Baggage is always 'at owner's expense' at all times.

## **Activity Level and Icon Definition**



#### Minimal Activity

Excursions are easily paced without the need for excessive walking or physical activities. Being able to board motor coaches and negotiate steps can be encountered.



#### **Evening Excursion**

The excursion is taking place in the evening.



#### Moderate Activity

Full participation may include a limited number of



A meal is included in the excursion.



steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing.



#### **New Excursion**

This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea.



#### Extensive Activity

Full participation requires being in good physical condition and may involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.



#### Privato

Silversea Privato excursions include private use of a local driver and car. Please see the Shore Concierge for more information and reservation.



#### Adventure Tour – Physically fit

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



#### Limited Space Available

Please be aware that there is only limited space available on this tour. Places are delivered on a first come first served basis.



#### Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tours

Guests in a standard wheelchair must be accompanied by their own helper and be able to board a motor coach, van or boat. Once on tour you will be unattended. We kindly ask you to inform the Shore Concierge staff promptly at embarkation when using a wheelchair. For guests with serious mobility issues please contact the Shore Concierge staff promptly so they can help make arrangements. In certain ports wheelchair accessible vehicles are available at an extra charge and advanced reservation.



The shore excursion is offered on a complimentary basis as part of a free shore excursion promotion (the "Promotion"). Please check your booking terms and condition or up to 7 days MySilversea to determine whether your booking qualifies for the Promotion. If your booking does not qualify for the Promotion there will be a cost associated with this shore excursion.

#### March 08 2019, Friday

## Hong Kong - China

#### HKG-A1 / FOR IN-TRANSIT GUESTS - HIGHLIGHTS OF HONG KONG

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$69; Duration:4.50 hrs

Explore some of Hong Kong's most popular historic landmarks during this half-day orientation tour of the city.

Depart the pier for the drive across the harbour via the sub-ocean tunnel, and on to Hong Kong Island. Your scenic orientation tour begins with a visit to Victoria Peak.

#### Victoria Peak

From Garden Road, a tram takes you for the five-minute ride uphill to the 1,300-foot (396-metre) Victoria Peak. After taking in spectacular views and photo opportunities of Hong Kong and Kowloon, board a coach for the drive downhill. Next, your drive continues on to Aberdeen via Deep Water Bay.

#### Aberdeen

Upon arrival, a sampan boat ride provides a fascinating look at this floating settlement. As you glide along the city's oldest harbour, your cruise takes you past houseboats, fishing *sampans* and floating restaurants. At the end of the cruise, re-board your coach for the ride to the Stanley Market via Repulse Bay.

#### Stanley Market

Once a fishing village, Stanley Market has earned a reputation as a paradise for bargain hunters as well as for its interesting scenery. The narrow lanes are lined with small shops selling the latest in fashion clothing, such as overruns of designer jeans and sportswear, leather and silk clothing in Western sizes. In addition, a good selection of souvenir items can be found here.

During your visit, you can stroll around the market and perhaps make a few purchases. Serious shoppers will want to return and explore the market at their leisure.

Leaving Stanley Market, your tour concludes with a brief drive back to the port.

Please note: This tour, available only to guests continuing on from the previous cruise, a moderate amount of walking, with some stairs to climb and guests must be able to embark and disembark the coach and boat via steps. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

#### HKG-C1 / LANTAU ISLAND & MONASTERY

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$179: Duration:6.50 hrs

Experience the scenic beauty and most renowned destinations of Hong Kong's largest outlying island during this day trip to Lantau Island. Depart the port for the scenic drive via coach to Lantau Island.

#### Tai O Fishing Village

This fishing village, renowned for the stilt houses built by the river's shore, was the centre of Hong Kong's salt-panning industry for 100 years.

#### Po Lin Monastery

Your tour continues on through beautiful mountain scenery en route to the Po Lin Monastery, the principal centre of Buddhism in Hong Kong. The monastery houses the world's tallest outdoor seated bronze Buddha statue, the Tian Tan Buddha. This imposing statue of Buddha weighs over 250 tonnes (227,000 kilos), and is more than 100 feet high (34 metres).

After a vegetarian lunch served at the monastery, return to Tung Chung town via cable car. Should the cable car be out of service, the 3.5-mile (5.6-kilometre) drive to Tung Chung will be by bus.

Upon arrival at Tung Chung, re-board your coach for the return drive to the port.

Please note: This tour, available only to guests continuing on from the previous cruise, requires an extensive amount of walking, with an incline to the platform. The road to Lantau is very narrow and full of turns; therefore, this tour is not recommended for guests who suffer from travel motion sickness. There are narrow lanes and an uneven floor at the fishing village. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. The lunch served is vegetarian cuisine. Expect lines at the Skyrail; your patience is appreciated. This tour is available for guests who are in transit only.

#### Silver Shore "Privato"

Explore the surrounding at your leisure during your private tour. Customize your own itinerary or choose to see and overview of the area's highlights. Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary

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Price:\$1299 ; Duration:8.00 hrs ; Capacity:4		₩€

### March 10 2019, Sunday

## Chan May - Vietnam

CHM-A / THE STREETS OF HOI AN	DIFFICULTY	0000
Price:\$89; Duration:8.00 hrs		$\triangle$ (\$)

Vietnam's culture and heritage fascinate all who visit. On this full-day exploration of the streets of Hoi An, Vietnam's treasure chest of history. This picturesque river town has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most historic architecture as well as colourful temples and old community houses. Visit the Hoi An Museum, experience a guided walking tour of the town and enjoy a traditional lunch. Enjoy some shopping time and the opportunity to take some photos at Marble Mountain to round out the day's journey.

#### Hoi An

Travel for approximately 75-minutes via coach from the pier to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. Your walking tour begins along its colourful streets, which have remained largely unchanged for centuries before you enter the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

#### Phuoc Kien Temple

Next, visit the Phuoc Kien Temple, a structure built in honour of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights is the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to the town and its busy streets to do some shopping in the lively open-air market.

Your tour concludes at the pier.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are

recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the open air market visit may do so. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-B / CHAM CIVILISATION

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$169; Duration:8.00 hrs

This full-day excursion combines an exploration of Da Nang's Cham Museum with a visit to My Son Holysee, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Savour lunch at Marble Beach and take in the views of Marble Mountain on this overview of the southern areas of Vietnam.

#### Da Nang

Depart the pier and travel by coach to the Cham Museum in Da Nang, a journey of approximately 75 minutes. The road south from Chan May is scenic, with tall sand dunes along the coast and numerous rice paddies and water buffalo in the fields. As you venture through the centre of Da Nang, discover a charming town, with ornate temples and colonial-style buildings.

Arriving at the Cham Museum, stroll through its outdoor exhibits of sandstone sculptures and temple decorations created between the 4th and 14 centuries by the Cham people. The displays are grouped into four time periods, and named after the regions in which the sculptures were discovered. Your guide, well-versed in Cham history provides a comprehensive explanation of these relics.

#### My Son Holysee

Your next destination is My Son Holysee. This World Cultural Heritage Site is a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 70 architectural works, and includes temples and towers connected to each other by a series of intricate red brick designs. The main component of the site's Cham architectural design is the tower, which was built to reflect the divinity of the king. During your visit to My Son Holy Land, listen to your guide's lecture and see the 1,000-year-old brick ruins of temples built by Central Vietnam's Hindu Chams, which were damaged during the Vietnam War.

#### Marble Beach

Venture next to Marble Beach, the famed stretch of sandy coastline that served as a place for military personnel to find some R&R, and for Hollywood to shoot movies. With its Marble Mountain views and five-star resorts, it has become a favourite stomping ground for international travellers and ex-patriots. Enjoy lunch and a refreshment and a chance to relax at the resort on the beach.

#### Marble Mountain

Re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain. Shaped like a dragon at rest, Marble Mountain is actually a series of marble and limestone formations, each named after an element: metal, wood, water, fire and earth.

After your brief visit here, travel back to Chan May and the ship.

Please note: This tour requires moderate amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Beach should bring a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-C / DA NANG & MARBLE MOUNTAIN BEACH

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$79; Duration: 5.50 hrs

Discover the history of Vietnam, both ancient and more recent, on this visit to Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach. Highlights of this half-day outing include the Cham Museum, Han Market, Marble Mountain village, and Marble Mountain Beach.

Your adventure begins with a transfer of approximately 75 minutes to Da Nang. Visit the Cham Museum, a rather primitive yet altogether charming museum boasting an extensive array of Cham artefacts. The museum's more than 300 pieces are displayed outdoors, which proves to be an appropriate space for its collection of temple decorations and sandstone sculptures. The exhibits represent four time periods and are named after the geographic regions where the pieces were found.

#### Pedicab ride

Enjoy a pedicab ride from the Cham Museum to Han Market, winding through the small side streets of Da Nang to experience the heartbeat of the city. Riding in a pedicab, or cyclo, pronounced see-klo, offers a charming and intimate way to experience the hectic pace of Da Nang. Be pedaled through this animated and bustling city, and enjoy numerous opportunities for photos of the industrious vendors, streets full of motorcycles and pedicabs, local markets and colonial buildings

#### Han Market

Having become acquainted with the treasures of an ancient culture, continue with a drive to the nearby Han Market, where you will find the offerings of modern commerce.

After your investigation of this colourful marketplace, re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain.

#### Marble Mountain

King Minh Mang in 1837 named the mountains of Ngu Hanh after the five basic elements of the universe: Kim mountain (metal); Moc mountain (wood); Thuy mountain (water); Tho mountain (earth); Hoa mountain (Fire). In Marble Mountain Village, the skilful hands of the area's talented workers have created thousands of stone statues. Of particular note are the different coloured pieces, very interesting to most stone lovers.

#### Marble Mountain Beach

The sandy beach at Marble Mountain Beach is more than 25 miles (40 kilometres) long. During the Vietnam War, American Marines and South Korean troops used this area as a basecamp. Since then, many famous resorts have been built along the beach. Sip a local drink, relax, and enjoy the sea breeze, sun, and sand. If you feel adventurous, go for a swim, climb the nearby mountain with more than 100 steps to see both the area pagoda and caverns, or admire the view of Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach.

Afterwards, the coach returns you to the ship in Chan May.

Please note: Pedicabs are not equipped with seat belts. All guests are required to sign a waiver before participating. This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Mountain Beach should wear a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-D / ANCIENT HUE - PERFUME RIVER

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:8.25 hrs



Relive Vietnam's royal grandeur and become immersed in her culture as you visit the imperial city of Hue (pronounced 'whay'), with a cruise on the Perfume River. Adding to your experience is a stop at a lively marketplace and a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Begin your day at the pier in Chan May, where you board an air-conditioned coach for the approximate 1.5-hour journey to Hue.

#### Hue

Located eight miles (thirteen kilometres) from the coast and close to the Laos border, Hue has long been known as the 'Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors'. The Emperors rose to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945 and were the last ruling family of Vietnam. The city's fascinating treasures include the Imperial Citadel, Kings' Tomb, temples, and pagodas.

#### Royal Citadel

Functioning as the centre of imperial activity for 13 emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty, the city boasts impressive buildings and a sense of history. Gain an appreciation of that history with an exploration of the Royal Citadel. Built by Emperor Gia Long in 1804, the citadel features what is called the Noon Gate, or 'Ngo Mon'. This is the spot where kings announced the yearly calendar and the names of new doctors of philosophy.

The Palace of Supreme Harmony and adjoining Esplanade of Great Salutation were equally important in imperial life, hosting coronations, emperors' birthday parties, and court proceedings. Having been restored, the early-19th-century palace retains much of its original grandeur.

Continue your walking introduction of the Citadel with a look at the Imperial Enclosure. The Citadel's comparison to China's Forbidden City will be apparent as you observe this intriguing citadel within a citadel.

#### Thien Mu Pagoda

Next, visit Thien Mu Pagoda, located a short drive from the Citadel. Founded in 1601 by Lord Nguyen Hoang, the governor of Thuan Hoa Province, Thien Mu is the symbol of the city and one of the holiest pagodas in all of Vietnam. With its days as a hot-bed for anti-government protests long past, the pagoda today is a serene place where novice gardeners tend bonsai and monks deliver incantations.

#### **Dragon Boat Cruise**

Awaiting you in front of the pagoda is your dragon boat. Climb aboard and cruise on the Perfume River in a similar manner to that of the kings who travelled this route before you. Take in the sights and savour tranquillity as you relax. Afterwards, travel to the lunch venue, where Vietnamese cuisine is offered.

#### Emperor's Tomb

There is one more stop on your comprehensive itinerary: a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Considered the most brilliant emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty, Minh Mang had his tomb built on the west bank of the river. The tomb features unique green and yellow tiles.

From this picturesque spot, begin your return journey to Chan May.

Please note: The driving distance between Chan May and Hue is approximately 1.5 hours in duration. Sightseeing in Hue requires an extensive amount of walking; comfortable shoes are essential. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. The order of sites seen or visited may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-E / COOKING CLASS & HOI AN EXPLORATION

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:8.25 hrs

Experience a taste of Vietnam's cuisine in one of its more picturesque towns, on this full-day local culinary exploration.

Meet your guide on the pier and depart via coach for the approximate 75 minute ride to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

On arrival, meet the chef of the "Morning Glory School" and head off to the local market with its neat displays of wares and produce. The chef will select items that will be used later in the preparation of local delicacies.

Walk to the cooking school, one of Hoi An's best, and learn about Vietnamese cuisine. At your cooking station, follow the demonstrations of an expert chef who will teach you to prepare such Vietnamese delicacies as spring rolls, grilled chicken, rice pancakes and chicken and mango salad. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the dishes you have prepared.

After lunch, set off with your guide to the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

Next, visit perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights, the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Board the coach for the journey back to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the market visit may do so. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-F / HOI AN BY BIKE AND ON-FOOT

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$99; Duration: 8.00 hrs



Embrace the spectacular beauty and history of Hoi An by bicycle and on-foot during this panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion. Chan May, Da Nang, Rice Fields and Rural Villages

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to Da Nang, a lovely town situated on the banks of the Han River. Upon arrival, receive your safety instructions and helmet, and begin your guided bicycle adventure to Hoi An. Along the way, pass by rural villages and family temples decorated in varied motifs, and see local people farming in their fields and vegetable gardens, working on their long boats and drying fishing nets. On the approach to Hoi Ann, cycle past rice fields and rural agricultural villages, then cross a beautiful bridge spanning the river and enter the historic town of Hoi An.

#### Hoi An, Free Time and Marble Mountain

The 15-century town of Hoi An is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a traditional Asian trading port. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour of Hoi An. The moss-covered walls and well-preserved communal houses and pagodas of Hoi An offer a unique insight into what life was like in centuries past, and reveal why the city is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Museum and local market. Afterward, some free time is made available to explore Hoi An at your leisure. You can take a stroll through the market and museum, browse for souvenirs, and visit the Fukien Sea Goddess Temple and Ancient House.

#### Lunch and Marble Mountain

Next, proceed for a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, proceed for a photo stop at panoramic Marble Mountain via coach. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of bicycling for about 1 hour (about 9 kilometres in total), and walking for approximately 1.24 miles (about two kilometres). Walking in Hoi An is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is recommended for guests who are in good physical condition and experienced bike riders, and have recently ridden or are confident on a bicycle. Participants must also be comfortable with hand brakes, and riding downhill. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are

advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing in layers with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and raingear from the ship. Helmets are included, and must be worn at all times during the bicycle-riding portion of this tour. The maximum weight of each participating guest must not exceed 198 pounds (about 90 kilograms). Guests must be at least 18 years old to participate on this tour. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions.

## CHM-H / HOI AN ON YOUR OWN Price:\$89; Duration:7.50 hrs

Hoi An is the ancient and charming town. Take a walking tour through this pedestrian-friendly village, which was known as Faifo when it was the Cham Kingdom's main international port. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was considered the best trading destination in all of Southeast Asia. Full of history and culture, the city's Old Town is a delight, with its small shops and winding lanes. It is the only town in Vietnam that been so well preserved, and this port town's international history is reflected in its architectural styles and customs. The wooden houses, temples and pagodas reflect Chinese and Japanese influences, as do the textile and ceramic crafts that can be purchased as a souvenir of your visit.

This transfer may suit you if you would like to explore on your own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to Hoi An. The coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time and location for the return journey. Please be at the pick-up point 15 minutes prior to departure, as the coach is not allowed to wait.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Modest attire is required to enter religious monuments; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered. Meal is not included.

#### Silver Shore "Privato"

Explore the surrounding at your leisure during your private tour. Customize your own itinerary or choose to see and overview of the area's highlights. Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary

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#### SGN-A / SAIGON HIGHLIGHTS

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$59; Duration: 4.00 hrs



This excursion provides an introduction to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly named Saigon, a vibrant and exciting city. Explore the highlights and have time to shop.

Departing the port, head toward Central Saigon to see or visit some of its many attractions.

#### History Museum

Start with a visit to this outstanding museum, considered the best place to get acquainted with Vietnam's history. Housed in a building from the early 1900s, the museum displays artefacts from the Bronze Age to the early communist presence in Vietnam. Other exhibits feature Cham art, ceramics, and traditional costumes.

Leaving the museum, the bus will take you to the Notre Dame Cathedral, distinguished by its imposing twin spires. Along the way, stop for photos at the splendid Reunification Palace and the elegant Saigon City Hall. Then, switching back to the coach, drive to China Town, known locally as Cholon.

#### Saigon Market

Visit the large market place in central Ho Chi Minh City Ben Thanh located in the Saigon Market. A short twenty minute stroll through Ben Thanh market offers a kaleidoscope of colours and a hive of activities.

#### Thien Hau Temple

Next, proceed to this beautiful temple built in 1825 and dedicated to the cult of Thien Hau, Goddess of the Sea and Protector of Sailors.

#### Lacquer Factory

The last visit is to one of Saigon's best known establishments for an introduction to the making of the city's renowned lacquer ware. Browse through the showrooms, where a fascinating array of items tempts even the most jaded shopper.

From here, the tour returns to the port. Time permitting and if you prefer, remain in town and make your own way back to the ship at your leisure.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress in lightweight clothing and bring sun protection; anticipate hot and humid weather. Order of sites seen or visited may vary. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### SGN-C / GOOD EVENING, SAIGON

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$149; Duration:3.75 hrs

Experience an evening of traditional Vietnamese food and cultural entertainment as you bid Saigon a 'good evening'.

#### Majestic Hotel

Begin with a transfer to the legendary *Majestic Hotel*, which, since 1925, has occupied one of the finest locations in Saigon, boasting stunning views of the Saigon River. After you are graciously welcomed by hostesses in traditional dresses, sip pre-dinner cocktails on the rooftop terrace, with its sweeping view of central Saigon. Both the old world boutique charm of the hotel and the elegance of the columned and arched classical French-colonial design help create a special ambiance for your evening.

The Majestic has gone through several reincarnations over the years, changes that reflect the tumultuous history of Vietnam. During World War II, the Japanese Imperial Army used this French colonial structure as their military barracks. During the Vietnam War, it was frequented by foreign correspondents and espionage agents.

Enjoy a special show featuring traditional music, dances, and costumes from the northern and southern regions of Vietnam. Following the entertainment, proceed to one of the finest Vietnamese restaurants in Saigon to savour a feast of local specialties.

All too soon this special evening of Vietnamese culture and tradition comes to a close and your coach returns you to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, with steps to climb at the *Majestic Hotel*. The roof-top area is not wheelchair accessible. Dress in lightweight clothing; anticipate hot and humid weather. Order of sites seen or visited may vary. Although space is limited, a minimum number of guests is required to operate this tour. Should the ship be docked outside of the city, the tour duration will be a minimum of 30-60 minutes greater. Meal substitutions cannot be accommodated.

#### SGN-D / LIFE IN THE MEKONG DELTA

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$99; Duration: 7.00 hrs

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Experience Vietnam, off-the-beaten path, to the heart of the Mekong Delta. Tour the local villages and cruise along the river for a rewarding and a truly unforgettable impression on this full-day excursion.

#### Mekong Delta

Depart the ship upon arrival for the 2.5-hour journey along a well-paved road to the Mekong Delta area. The mighty Mekong River, originating in Tibet and flowing through several countries before its 120-mile (193-kilometre) course through Vietnam, divides into nine river mouths, aptly called the Nine Dragon Delta by locals. This flourishing region is criss-crossed by numerous natural and man-made canals serving the local traffic.

#### Cai Be Floating Market

Following the drive through villages and small towns, arrive at a branch of the Cai Be River. Here, board a local long boat for an interesting ride past villages and lush vegetation to the floating market. Cruise between the many boats from which vendors sell their wares. Rising above the busy Cai Be village, you can spot the bell tower of a Catholic church built in the 19th century when the French tried to spread Christianity in the delta region.

#### Scenic Canal Cruising

Continue cruising along the river and through smaller canals to Tan Phong Island. Observe local *sampans* full of fruits and flowers being rowed to the market and children on their way to school. The scene offers some great photo opportunities and vivid impressions of life along the canals. Cross the Mekong River and stop for a visit at a local farm. Stroll through a garden of bonsai, flowers and fruit trees and then enjoy a refreshing cup of tea with your host.

Next, the boat brings you to a local restaurant for a tasty meal of spring rolls and freshly caught Mekong fish. After dining, re-join the van for the journey back to Ho Chi Minh City and the ship.

relentless sun. A short stop is made at a small village for photos of the countryside view and paddy fields.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking. All areas visited are wheelchair accessible; however, guests must be able to embark/disembark the van via steps and manoeuvre on and off the local boat with little assistance. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility. Lightweight, comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes are recommended. Transportation is by van. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores. Order of sites may vary. Meal substitutions cannot be accommodated. The drive from the pier to the Mekong Delta is approximately 2-2.5 hours in each direction and timings can be affected by traffic.

SGN-F / CU CHI TUNNELS

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$79; Duration: 5.50 hrs



The Vietnam War, or the American War as it is known in Vietnam, pitched modern American technology against fierce Vietcong resistance waging a guerrilla war. On this half-day tour, experience a local perspective on wartime memories and the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels. The two-hour drive southwest from Saigon to the Cu Chi Tunnels is a pleasant foray into the surrounding countryside. It is hard to believe you are entering a former war zone of such strategic importance. The busy road passes through tranquil rice paddies where entrepreneurial villagers use the hot roadside as a platform for drying all manner of produce. Hundreds of sheets of paper dot the countryside, drying on woven racks in the

At Cu Chi, your guide explains the underground network, shows the displays of tools and weapons used by the guerrillas, and provides insight into the ingenious methods that the Vietnamese soldiers employed to remain undetected. Work on the tunnels began in 1948 during the war against the French, and greatly expanded throughout the 1960s.

Measuring 31 inches (80 cm) wide and five feet (1.5 metres) tall, the maze of tunnels was extensive, extending over 120 miles (193 kilometres). They included storerooms, sleeping quarters, kitchens, medical facilities and classrooms, and at one time, over 16,000 people lived in the tunnels. Most only 2 or 2.5 feet wide by 5 feet high (60-72cm X1.5 metres), the tunnels had thick roofs capable of withstanding the weight of tanks or the impact of bombs weighing up to 200 pounds (91 kilograms). Some have been enlarged to accommodate visitors at the site.

Following your visit to the tunnels, board your coach for your return to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Walking through the tunnels requires additional exertion. Guests participating on this portion of the tour should be fit and not prone to claustrophobia; guests may opt not to enter the tunnels. In the tunnels closest to the surface the actual rooms may be open to the sky above, with the tunnels in between fairly short. Approximately one hour is spent on site Cu Chi site. In Cu Chi guests will see sensitive material, including graphic pictures and displays of the atrocities of war.

Sturdy shoes, sun protection, and mosquito repellant are recommended. The duration of the drive between the pier and the tunnel are is approximately 2 hours in each direction.

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