



## **HANOI - HCM MOTORBIKE TOUR : THE LONG WAY DOWN!**

**(16 days)**

### **Day 1 : Hanoi - Pu Luong**

We start our tour off Hanoi center to avoid its chaotic traffic. We soon find back the road through an exotic countryside then through the abundant Pu Luong Nature Reserves. The last distance on the great mountain road which looks down to the valley of Thai village is amazing.

In the afternoon, you are welcome to an eco-lodge settled around rice terraces and hills. Time to enjoy a natural pool of fresh running water and a traditional buffet.

Highlight of the day	Rural countryside, mountain pass, Pu Luong nature
Meal plan	L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 2 : Pu Luong - Cua Lo beach**

We start a new ride on a beautiful winding road which follows the bank of Ma River.

After some hours riding on an undulating quiet road, we join the new Ho Chi Minh Highway. This newly carved route leads us due South, through the remote back country, not far from the Laos border.

Lunch will made of local food before we grab the last go to the unknown coastal road.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, Ho Chi Minh highway, fishing villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)

Accommodation	Private home
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 3 : Cua Lo beach - Phong Nha**

This morning we head inland towards the Dong Loc Intersection, (the main junction for supply lines during the war) which is widely regarded in Vietnamese eyes as the beginning of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. We then pass through the remote back country, close to the border as the scenery steadily becomes dominated by karst formations.

Our place today is at the core of the famous Phong Nha Ke Bang national park, a gate-way to the finest nature in the country.

Highlight of the day	countryside, Ho Chi Minh highway, Phong Nha nature
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 4 : Phong Nha**

Phong Nha is an ideal place for a full day of exploration. We can do a boat tour to Phong Nha wet cave, ride to Paradise cave, have fun in Suoi Moc water park, ride a bicycle around rustic villages, etc ...

Highlight of the day	Boat tour, caves, outdoor activities
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	Free at leisure

### **Day 5 : Phong Nha - Khe Sanh**

The Ho Chi Minh road - western leg is a must-ride motorcycle route in Central Vietnam. Not just because of its historical background, the road itself gives beautiful curves, sharp corners, wild landscapes, mysterious villages, ... in a perfect combination.

Just before town of Khe Sanh, we will visit Victory Museum and learn a piece of legendary Ho Chi Minh road.

Highlight of the day	Mountain road, lush nature, Khe Sanh museum
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 6 : Khe Sanh - Hue**

That day, we will take the time to visit some of the most important historical relics in Vietnam modern history, the DMZs. We carry on the Ho Chi Minh road and turn off for Hien Luong Bridge on the Ben Hai River, which was once the border that divided Vietnam into two different states. Then we ride along the coast up North to visit Vinh Moc tunnel, a living memory of war survivors.

Half way to Hue, we ride through the magnificent lagoon of Tam Giang, just on the side of our next stop.

Highlight of the day	Coast road, historical relics, fishing villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 7 : Hue - Hoi An**

Hue was once the political and cultural center of the Feudal State of Vietnam, during the Nguyen Dynasty. Its heritage Citadel is worth a visit.

Then we leave Hue and take back the road to Danang. Soon we ride up the Hai Van pass, recommended as one of the most beautiful coast roads in the world by Top Gear show

of BBC. Its breathtaking landscapes are outstanding, facing the ocean and leaned on a mountain range.

We take the last distance through the beach city of Danang and arrive in Hoi An old town for a night stay.

Highlight of the day	Hai Van pass, the beach
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 8 : Hoi An**

We'll spend the full day exploring the World Culture Heritage site of Hoi An. In its glory days, Hoi An was an international trading harbor, a gateway of the country towards the world. Its old town, unique combination of architectural monuments in various forms: residential houses, assembly halls, communal houses, ... has been well preserved. By so, Hoi An is really fascinating at its own mixture between old values and urban lifestyle.

Highlight of the day	Rural countryside, Hoian old town, night market
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	Free at leisure

### **Day 9 : Hoi An - My Son - Deo Le**

From Hoi An, we ride to My Son sanctuary, another World Heritage Site in area. My Son is known as one of the three ancient capitals of the Champa Kingdom. Nowadays, its ruin temples are attractive to tourists because of its unique architecture and great landscape surroundings.

Lunch will be served en route. We then get back on the road through the rural countryside of Quang Na. At the end of the day, we'll find our cozy spot for the night in an eco-place with fresh water and a taste of the local special chicken.

Highlight of the day	My Son sanctuary, back roads, landscape
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 10 : Deo Le - Dak To District**

This will be an interesting ride for the day. Soon from the Ho Chi Minh road, we turn off to take back the road along the boundary of Ngoc Linh national reserves. Landscapes turn out wild and abundant, with just few villages we may see.

Today we will spend the night in a local farm stay, enjoying a homemade diner and chilling out with the family.

Highlight of the day	Ho Chi Minh highway, mountains, landscape
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 11 : Dak To - Se San**

In the morning, we aim to catch the original Ho Chi Minh trail on present road 14C through Chu Mong Ray national park. A rough distance but we can enjoy wild nature.

Since we hit Se San reservoir, we ride up to Pleiku city and find our local homestay nearby.

Highlight of the day	Old Ho Chi Minh road, national park, villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 12 : Thac Mo - Dray Sap waterfall**

We soon ride back to the road 14C along the Cambodian border, heading down to the heart of the Central Highland, Buon Me Thuot. This is the homeland of the greatest coffee in the country, and also of colorful minority groups featuring mighty folklore and culture.

The place for the night will be a local waterfall which beauty is remarkable in the whole region.

Highlight of the day	Old Ho Chi Minh road, villages, Dray Sap waterfall
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 13 : Dray Sap - Cam Ranh**

Heading back to the coast, we ride through the plateau of Buon Me Thuot then catch the picturesque Phuong Hoang pass on road 26. All the curves and corners finally take us to Cam Ranh bay. We'll find our place at the camping site of Binh Lap peninsula.

Highlight of the day	Mountain pass, coastal road, fishing villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Camping site
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 14 : Cam Ranh**

A rest day to explore Cam Ranh bay.

Highlight of the day	The beach, outdoor activities
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Camping site

Duration of travel	Free at leisure
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### **Day 15 : Cam Ranh - Mui Ne**

An easy riding and another of the best coastal roads in Vietnam. This fine route takes us across diverse landscapes, the cliff road of Nui Chua national park, the desert land of Binh Thuan, the massive grape fields and salt fields of Ninh Thuan, before arriving to the sand dunes of Mui Ne.

“The lonely beaches, still untouched by tourists made Mui Ne popular. It boasts shady roads under coconut trees, a beautiful beach and cliffs battered by the waves of the sea. The typical scenery of Mui Ne lies in the moving lines of golden sand caused by the wind and when they are seen from afar they look like moving waves. The scenery looks more fascinating at dawn, when young Cham girls in green dresses go to work. That’s why no photographer fails to visit this area.”

Highlight of the day	Coastal road, white sand highway, the beach
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 16 : Mui Ne - Vung Tau - Ho Chi Minh city**

We will take new road running along the coast-line from Mui Ne until Vung Tau city.

From there, it takes 2 more hours to get to HCM city center, check in the hotel. Finishing 16 days of exploration in motorcycle tour.

Highlight of the day	Coastal road, the beach, fruit farms
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	On own arrangement
Duration of travel	5-7 hours