



## **CRUISING THE MEKONG RIVER**

### **Hanoi & Ha Long Bay Pre-Trip Extension**

Begin your Southeast Asian experience with two nights in Hanoi, Vietnam’s leafy green, lake-studded capital, and travel to the coast for an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its mystical seascape of limestone islets, where you’ll explore caves with fantastic stalactite and stalagmite formations.

#### **EXTENSION ITINERARY OUTLINE**

OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
Depart U.S.		Overnight flights to Hanoi, Vietnam
Hanoi, Vietnam	Apricot hotel	Arrive Hanoi; transfers to hotel; evening at leisure to rest and recover from flight
Hanoi	Apricot Hotel	Panoramic tour including Confucius Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake, the “Hanoi Hilton,” the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, and the modest “House on Stilts” where Ho Chi Minh lived; cyclo (a three-wheel bicycle taxi) tour through the alleyways of the city’s historic quarter; water puppet performance BLD
Ha Long Bay	<i>Paradise Elegance</i>	Drive ~4 hours to Ha Long Bay; embark aboard the <i>Paradise Elegance</i> for an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay; afternoon shore excursion to one of the islands to climb the stairs up the side of a rock formation and into the Sung Sot Cave, and visit a Pearl Farm or kayak; return for tea and a cooking demonstration on board BLD
Ho Chi Minh City <i>(main tour starts)</i>		Sail to Titov Island for a morning on the beach or climb up the pavilion at the summit for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay; disembark late morning and transfer to Hanoi airport for 2-hour flight to Ho Chi Minh City; remainder of evening at leisure; the main group arrives Ho Chi Minh City today and events for the main tour program begin tomorrow morning BL

**Extension Fee:**

Per person, sharing accommodations ..... \$ TBD  
 Single Supplement ..... \$ TBD