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From North to South, Vietnam is dotted with lots of attractive destinations that really conceal a wonderful patchwork of hidden charm. Get experience the faded colonial elegance of Hanoi, emerald green waters of Ha Long Bay, the majesty of Hue, the history of Hoi An, the beaches and islands of Nha Trang, the dynamic atmosphere of Ho Chi Minh city, the tranquil backwaters of the Mekong Delta. With the whole thing from mountains to seas, from cold to hot weather, from city to countryside, Vietnam has everything you may come up with!

As recommended by some friends, Bich Dong Pagoda complex was comprised in our trip to Hoa Lu. On a limestone mountain numerous statues of Buddha were enshrined therein. The peak of the mountain commands panoramic view of the untouched beauty. Escape the noise of the town by riding a bicycle along the village roads with bamboo branches shadowing the small track. Driving to Ha Long bay, we discovered peaceful countryside along Red River Delta. All of us were welcomed by the ship commandant and embarked for exploring the spectacular seascape of limestone pillars. The rooms were clean and met our expectations, making us really satisfied. The buffet was huge; they wore traditional customs and just kept on bringing more foodstuffs to our desk. The ship went over by some of the most scenic locations and a floating village, and stopped at Surprise grotto, an impressive place to visit with three rooms. The outer chamber resembles an amphitheater and the inner chamber is a wide room decorated with multicolored lights. Near the mouth of the cave, one legend involves a rock that seems like a horse with a long sword. The excursion from Hanoi took us to several of the traditional handicraft villages not remote from the city center. A stop at a pottery and ceramic village was an opportunity to see and learn how craftsman made these fine works of art, and purchase refined products of ceramic at good prices. This was the first stop in the schedule of Asia discovery we traveled with a travel agency of Vietnam, and surprisinglyâ€¦. Everything ran very well as planning, professional staff and good services. My family has now returned home after a long tour to Vietnam. This trip was opportunity to meet new friends and discover interesting things, so we wish we had more time here.

We did a vessel ride to the sights along the â€˜Perfume Riverâ€™ in the bulky space with the flat flow of water. The river itself is lovely with lots of gorgeous gardens on the bank. On the left bank of the river, you will see Thien Mu Pagoda, a magnificent architecture. Its most striking feature is the seven tiered tower representing the seven steps of enlightenment. A Hoi An with colorful lantern nights are great for a sparkling and mysterious view, stimulating anybodyâ€™s curiosity. It was also a great experience when standing on Japanese enclosed Bridge, and viewing everything.

The first impression about Saigon was it looked like a noisy and busy city with crowed streets and cafe shops. Cu Chi Tunnels, a stretching underground system, are certainly worth the day tour out of Saigon. Crawling down the tunnels was unbelievable. Along the Mekong roads, we saw oodles of people and activities happening on boats and experienced a cruiser ride. Everyone was very friendly, and welcoming. They prepared a dinner of delicious Mekong specialties, especially fresh coconut water. The atmosphere is warmed up by humorous stories from our helpful host.

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