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### Day by Day Itinerary

#### **Day 1 - Saigon arrival, explore on your own, welcome dinner**

Your guides will be awaiting your arrival at Saigon's Ton Son Airport and then transferring to our delightful hotel in Saigon's historic riverside district. You have the balance of the afternoon free, before we reconvene for orientation and a welcome dinner.

Relax: Free to explore until dinner

Eat: Dinner

Sleep: The Majestic

#### **Day 2 - Saigon walking tour& Evening street food by Vespa**

After breakfast we will head out to explore Saigon's colorful streets and markets on foot. Among the many stops we will make are the Saigon Opera House, Ben Thanh Market, the chocolates shops at Maison Marou, the antique shops on Le Cong Kieu Street. To recharge from the walking we will visit SH Garden, a hidden restaurant tucked away atop an old apartment building. Delicious regional cuisine. After some down time back at the hotel, we will head out on antique vespa scooters to explore Saigon's bustling nighttime street food scene. Experienced local drivers will pilot us to a variety of food stops finishing at one of Saigon's craft breweries (no self-drive option).

Walk: City walking tour

Eat: Breakfast, Dinner

Sleep: The Majestic

#### **Day 3 - Travel to Mekong Delta, bike & boat tour**

Transfer about 2 hours to The Island Lodge in the Mekong Delta. Perhaps a dip in the pool before checking in. After lunch, we head out by boat and bicycle to explore the cocoa plantations and rural villages in the Mekong Delta.

Ride: 6 mi / 10 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: The Island Lodge



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### **Day 4 - Cycling Ben Tre**

Through this very exclusive bike trek, enjoy Vietnamese countryside art of living of Ben Tre province. You will leave and come back on Unicorn Island using the local ferry boat to cross the Mekong river. As if you were born on those lands, you will discover the careful organization of the Coconut Jungle also known as the Coconut Paradise!

Ride: 19 mi / 30 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: The Island Lodge

### **Day 5 - Transfer to Saigon, Flight to Pleiku**

Morning free and easy. 12:00pm check out and transfer from your accommodation to the airport for the flight to Pleiku. Upon arrival at Pleiku airport, transfer to your hotel in center.

Travelflight to Pleiku

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: Hoang Anh Gia Lai Hotel

### **Day 6 - Cycling Pleiku, Kon Tum**

After breakfast, get on your bike and start a leisure ride out of the city, towards Bien Ho – the famous lake in Pleiku and in Central Highland. Cycle pass the coffee plantation, green hills of tea and pine tree forest. Lunch on the way. Reach Kon Tum in the afternoon. Kon Tum is a small highland town also well-known from the days of war. Our hotel in Kon Tum tonight is Hnam Chang Nghah, a development center for the young adults of the rural ethnic minorities.

Ride: 30 mi / 50 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hnam Chang Nghah



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### **Day 7 - Cycling Kon Tum, Phuoc Son**

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day riding on undulating hills through some of the best scenery Vietnam has to offer. Transfer out of Kon Tum City, we pass through mountain valleys and thick forests adjacent to national parkland. The route also covers sections of the famed Ho Chi Minh Trail. Hill-tribe villages dot the landscape and we'll stop for lunch at one of these. After lunch, continue riding until sunset and then transfer to Phuoc Son. Overnight at local guesthouse in Phuoc Son.

Ride: 36 mi / 60 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Be Chau Giang Hotel

### **Day 8 - Cycling Phuoc Son, Hoi An**

After breakfast, pick up our bikes and enjoy the last full day in the saddle. We cycle uphill and downhill through the mountains of the central highlands, passing through green hills, jungle forests and sparse villages. Enjoy rolling hills and lush scenery all the way out of the small, picturesque town of Phuoc Son. Transfer by support van/bus is available whenever you feel needed. Lunch at a local restaurant on the way. After lunch, transfer toward the coast, then you can cycle the leisure path along the sea towards your hotel in Hoi An. Check in your hotel and take a rest before your farewell dinner tonight.

Ride: 36 mi / 60 km, Land: flat

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Boutique Hoi An Resort

### **Day 9 - Hoi An free time**

After breakfast we will head out for walk around the historic town center of Hoi An. The rest of the day is to your leisure.

Relax: Morning walk then free time

Eat: Breakfast

Sleep: Boutique Hoi An Resort

### **Day 10 -**

#### **Transfer to Danang, Departure**

Free time until transfer from your Hoi An hotel to Danang airport (with guide) for your departure flight.

Travel: Shuttle to airport

Eat: Breakfast



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### **Scheduled Dates You Can Join:**

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/south-vietnam-cycling-and-food.htm>

### **Private Dates For Your Gang:**

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed October thru March with warm temperatures and little rain.





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### Why Pedalers?

#### **Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team**

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

#### **Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure**

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

#### **Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort**

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

### **Lodging:**

Boutique Hotels and small inns



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### What's Included:

- 9 nights Accommodation in the area's better hotels (double occupancy)
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 10 (except where noted)
- Rental bike
- Water, sodas or beer included at dinner
- Service of bilingual Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Daily route directions and maps
- Sightseeing and cultural activities
- Airport pick up & drop off

### Meeting & Flights:

The tour meets on Day 1 at Ho Chi Minh Airport. Guides will meet all incoming flights.

Tour meets in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (SGN), fly in before noon on Day 1.

Tour ends in Danang, Vietnam (DAD), fly out after 10 am on Day 10.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: [help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm](http://help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm)

### Route Conditions:

The entire ride is on paved roads, with moderate to light traffic. Pavement is a bit course and suitable for touring, sport road and also performance road bikes with wider tires (25 or wider). Terrain is a mix of flat and small hills along the coastal sections, with hilly conditions along the Ho Chi Minh Highway.



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### **Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:**

Passports are required for all guests unless you are a citizen of or currently residing in Vietnam. US and Canadian citizens need a visa and can apply for an eVisa in advance:

[https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/en\\_US/web/guest/khai-thi-thuc-dien-tu/cap-thi-thuc-dien-tu](https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/en_US/web/guest/khai-thi-thuc-dien-tu/cap-thi-thuc-dien-tu). Citizens of other countries should check with the Vietnam Embassy in their country for entry requirements applicable to your trip. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, so as to be prepared and not left standing at the gate.

Pedalers does not provide any visa processing services for tour guests.

### **Giving Back:**

Guests often ask what they can do or bring to help people in the region. We suggest purchasing school notebooks after you arrive in Vietnam to pass out to children in the remote villages we visit. Or if you have a discount store nearby home, pick up some simple reading glasses (2 to 3.75) to pass out to elderly villagers, so that they can continue to lead productive lives.