How to Book

1. **Get in touch.** Email Lora.Cottom@thecottomagency.com or call 765-505-6724. I'll ask for your phone number and email address.

2. **Ask me anything.** I'll make sure every question is answered — about the itinerary, the hotels, the pace, the group, anything at all — before you commit to anything.

3. **When you're ready,** I'll email you links to the Intake Form (for new clients), the Terms and Conditions, and the TourRadar payment link for the tour. I'll also ask for an image of your passport — or your driver's license, if you haven't obtained a passport yet.

4. **Your airfare.** The intake form takes your card details, and I use it to purchase your international flights — see the Flights panel inside.

The tour: $1,136 per person

$856 upfront + $280 local payment. Reserve with 10% down (about $86 per person). Balance due Friday, February 11, 2028. Interest-free biweekly installments of $29. No booking fee. Single supplement available.

The $280 local payment covers the domestic flights within Vietnam plus some local operation fees — pay by cash or credit card when you arrive.

Cancellation: 10% at 31+ days before departure, 45% at 15–30 days, 70% at 8–14 days, 100% inside 7 days. Full terms in the Terms and Conditions.



Sampans on a Mekong Delta canal, Day 9

What's Included

- 3-star hotels
- A cabin on the overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Domestic flights within Vietnam (Hanoi–Danang and Danang–Ho Chi Minh City)
- An English-speaking guide for key activities
- Meals as listed in the itinerary
- All transfers and transport

What's Not Included

Arranged separately: International Flights, Travel Insurance

- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses and tips

Ready to come along? Send me a message or text, or complete the inquiry form!

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Flights — Getting There

We depart **Chicago O'Hare (ORD)** on an afternoon flight, on **Cathay Pacific** or **EVA Air**. Cathay lays over in Hong Kong; EVA lays over in Taipei, its main hub.

Total flight time is **23–25 hours**. Departing from O'Hare saves several hundred dollars on the fare, and both are highly rated international airlines serving Asia. Connecting flights can be arranged from your local airport.

Be at O'Hare at noon on March 16, 2028, to arrive in Vietnam on March 17 — day one of the trip.

Want to arrive a day early, to rest and adjust to the time difference? I can arrange the flight and a Hanoi hotel for you. Additional cost applies.

Flights are purchased in September 2027. The estimated cost is **$1,100** — if the tickets come in below $1,100, the difference is refunded to you.

Paying for airfare: all at once, or **$100 a month** — you'll receive an invoice on the 5th of each month, with a payment link, and you can change your payment information at any time. There is a one-time **$150 fee** for the international, multi-city ticketing.



Hanoi, where our adventure begins



Tam Coc, Day 3

Our Itinerary — Days 1–5

Day 1 · Fri, Mar 17 — Arrival in Hanoi. A free day to rest after the flight and find your feet in the city. **(No meals.)**

Day 2 · Sat, Mar 18 — Hanoi. Tran Quoc Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, the Ethnology Museum, the Women's Museum, the Temple of Literature, and Hoa Lo Prison, with lunch at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Lunch.)**

Day 3 · Sun, Mar 19 — Ninh Binh. Hoa Lu, the ancient capital, and a rowboat through Tam Coc — "Halong Bay on land" — past limestone karsts and rice fields. Buffet lunch. **(Lunch.)**

Day 4 · Mon, Mar 20 — Halong Bay. Board the cruise ship; lunch and dinner onboard among the limestone islands, with a kayak outing — the cruise team can arrange help paddling if you have limited arm mobility. Overnight in a cruise cabin. **(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.)**

Day 5 · Tue, Mar 21 — Halong Bay to Hoi An. Breakfast and an early lunch onboard, then fly Hanoi–Danang and travel on to lantern-lit Hoi An, where we settle in for two nights. **(Breakfast, Lunch.)**

Scan for the full day-by-day itinerary

Our Itinerary — Days 6–10

Day 6 · Wed, Mar 22 — Hoi An. A free day: wander the lantern-lit old town, browse the tailors and markets, or find a café by the river. **(Breakfast.)**

Day 7 · Thu, Mar 23 — Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City. Fly Danang–Ho Chi Minh City and settle in for three nights in the south. **(Breakfast.)**

Day 8 · Fri, Mar 24 — Ho Chi Minh City. Independence Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, the War Remnants Museum, and the Cu Chi Tunnels, with lunch at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Lunch.)**

Day 9 · Sat, Mar 25 — Mekong Delta. My Tho and the Vinh Trang Pagoda, then a sampan ride through narrow, shaded canals, with lunch at a local restaurant. **(Breakfast, Lunch.)**

Day 10 · Sun, Mar 26 — Departure. Breakfast and farewells at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. **(Breakfast.)**

Good to Know

Visa: US Citizens will need a visa. Apply for an e-visa at evisa.gov.vn — $25 single entry / $50 multiple entry, valid up to 90 days, usually processed in about 3 working days.

Money & plugs: The currency is the Vietnamese dong (₫). Vietnam uses plug type G, so travelers from the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa will need an adapter.

March weather: March is one of the best and driest months to visit Vietnam, offering pleasant, sunny, and transitional weather across all three primary regions.

Operated by Realistic Asia (Platinum Operator, 4.9), hosted by Lora. Tim travels with the group, handling day-to-day logistics.