



Ho Chi Minh Golf Trail

A 10-day golfing adventure in Vietnam

Introduction

On this 10-day golfing trip around Vietnam, you'll be teeing it up at some of the best new golf courses in all of Asia (including Greg Norman's lauded Dunes Course at Danang GC), as well as the country's most storied layout (Dalat Palace GC, where **Billy Casper** played a few months before beating Arnold Palmer to win the 1966 U.S. Open at San Francisco's famed Olympic Club).

Between rounds, you'll be experiencing the finest in Southeast Asian cuisine and hospitality, in the form of restaurants and hotels/resorts that have been hailed by some of the world's leading golf and travel publications.

Your organizer/guide is Scott Resch, a Park City-based media relations specialist who lived and worked in Vietnam from 2007-2009 and continues to make quarterly business trips to the country that is becoming known more for its tourism assets than its war-torn past.

A detailed itinerary follows. If you are interested in participating in this once-in-a-lifetime trip, please contact Scott by phone at [435-602-0825](tel:435-602-0825) or by email at sresch@mandarinmedia.net.



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Day 1 - LA to Ho Chi Minh

10:55 a.m.

Depart LA on AA 169, with service to Ho Chi Minh via Narita, Japan (2-hour layover).

Day 2 - Ho Chi Minh

10:35 p.m.

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh and secure visas-on-arrival.

11:30 p.m.

Transfer 25 mins via private van to the Caravelle, a property made famous by the legions of correspondents (Cronkite, Halberstam, etc.) who watched the war flare from the hotel's rooftop bar.

11:45 p.m.

Check-in and call it a night ... or retreat to that rooftop bar for a few cold ones.

Day 3 - Ho Chi Minh

Morning

Buffet breakfast at your leisure in the hotel's lobby restaurant.

10 a.m.

Transfer 40 mins via private van to **Vietnam G&CC**, a 36-hole facility featuring a Lee Trevino-designed, parkland-style course (The East), renowned for its small, beguiling greens and expert caddie corps.

11:30, 11:40 and 11:50 a.m.

Tee off on The East.

4:30 p.m.

Post-round beverages in the clubhouse, followed by transfer via private van to the Caravelle.

Evening

Dinner with the group at Temple Club, the anchor of one of HCM's trendiest streets. Or, dine on your own at any number of restaurants that flank the Caravelle, right in the heart of the city.





Day 4 – Ho Chi Minh

Morning

Breakfast at your leisure in the hotel's lobby restaurant, Nineteen.

10 a.m.

Depart for a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City. Stops include the War Remnants Museum, Reunification Palace, Benh Thanh Market and the new, 76-story Bitexco Financial Tower, the tallest structure in Vietnam.

1 p.m.

Lunch at Quan An Ngon, where the 'best of the Vietnamese streets' is served up in a homey, open-air villa setting.

2:30 p.m.

Return to hotel for Vietnamese foot massages. Alternative activities include individual exploration of nearby Lam Son Square and Dong Khoi Street and their many shops and cafes; or rest.

Evening

Dinner with the group at La Camargue, an expat favorite set in an old French villa. Or, dine on your own at any number of restaurants that surround the Caravelle, right in the heart of the city.

Day 5 – Ho Chi Minh to Nha Trang

6 a.m.

Breakfast at hotel's lobby restaurant, and check-out.

6:30 a.m.

Transfer 20 minutes by private van to airport.

7:45 a.m.

Depart Ho Chi Minh on VN 1352, with service to Nha Trang. Flight time is 55 minutes.

9 a.m.

Transfer 45 minutes by private van to **Vinpearl GC**, a brand new IMG design on Hon Tre Island.

10:30, 10:40 and 10:50 a.m.

Tee off at Vinpearl.

4 p.m.

Transfer by private van to Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel & Spa, the first international 5-star brand to open on the beach in Vietnam.

5 p.m.

Check-in and relax ... or retreat to the hotel's 28th floor terrace for drinks and panoramic views of Nha Trang Bay.

7:30 p.m.

Dinner with the group at Sailing Club, the hippest spot on the strip for almost 20 years.



Day 6 – Nha Trang to Danang

6 a.m.

Breakfast at hotel's club lounge, and check-out.

6:30 a.m.

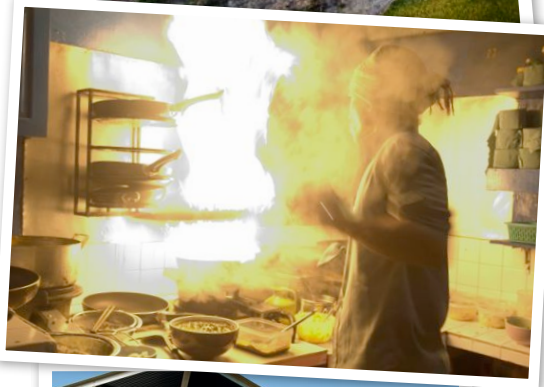
Transfer 45 mins by private van to Nha Trang airport.

8:10 a.m.

Depart Nha Trang on VN 1940, with service to Danang. Flight time is 75 minutes.

9:45 a.m.

Transfer 25 mins via private van to **Montgomerie Links**, a Colin Montgomerie design recently voted 'Best Course in Vietnam' by readers of Vietnam Golf.



11, 11:10 and 11:20 a.m.

Tee off at Montgomerie Links.

4 p.m.

Post-round drinks on the clubhouse terrace.

5 p.m.

Transfer 10 minutes by private van to the seaside Nam Hai, the most acclaimed resort in Vietnam.

5:15 p.m.

Check-in and reconvene later at reception.

7 p.m.

Transfer 15 mins to Hoi An town for dinner at Mango Rooms, the restaurant by which all other restaurants in Central VN are measured by.

Day 7 - Danang to Dalat

Morning

Breakfast at your leisure at the hotel's poolside restaurant, and check-out.

9:30 a.m.

Transfer 10 mins by private van to **Danang GC**, home of Greg Norman's Dunes Course.

10:30, 10:40 and 10:50 a.m.

Tee off at The Dunes, recently voted 'Best New Course in Asia-Pacific' at the annual Asia Pacific Golf Summit.

3:30 p.m.

Post-round drinks and lunch on the clubhouse terrace, overlooking the Marble Mountains.

5:30 p.m.

Transfer 20 mins by private van to the airport.

7 p.m.

Depart Danang on VN 1951, with service to Dalat. Flight time is 80 minutes.

8:40 p.m.

Transfer 40 mins by private van to Dalat Palace Luxury Hotel & GC, a fixture on Vietnam's luxury lodging landscape since 1922.



9:30 p.m.

Check-in and call it a night ... or retreat to Larry's Bar in the hotel's basement for a nightcap.

Day 8 - Dalat

7 a.m.

Breakfast at your leisure at the hotel's lobby restaurant.

7:30 a.m.

Transfer 5 minutes by private van to storied **Dalat Palace GC**, built in the early 1930s as a playground for the last emperor of Vietnam (Bao Dai)..



8, 8:10 and 8:20 a.m.

Tee off at Dalat Palace GC, perennial host of the annual Vietnam Amateur Open.

12:30 p.m.

Quick lunch on the patio of the Tudor-style clubhouse, and re-round.

6 p.m.

Drinks and snacks on the patio, overlooking the course's 18th green. (Note: The course's greens are the only bentgrass greens in Southeast Asia.)

7 p.m.

Transfer back to hotel for dinner with group in Larry's Bar, the most comfortable watering hole/restaurant in Dalat.

Day 9 – Dalat to Hanoi

Morning

Breakfast at your leisure at the hotel's lobby restaurant.



10 a.m.

Check-out and transfer 40 mins by private van to the Dalat airport.

11:30 a.m.

Depart Dalat on VN 1564 with service to Hanoi. Flight time is 1-and-a-half hours.

1:30 p.m.

Transfer 45 mins by private van to Movenpick Hotel Hanoi, arguably the sleekest and most centrally located property in Vietnam's capital.

2:30 p.m.

Check-in and explore Hanoi. Must-see attractions nearby include Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake.

7 p.m.

Dinner with group at Press Club or Angelina.

Day 10 – Hanoi to LA

7 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotel's lobby restaurant.

7:30 a.m.

Transfer 35 mins to **Van Tri GC**, a visually stunning private course that wins awards for its impeccable maintenance.

9, 9:10 and 9:20 a.m.

Tee off at Van Tri.

1:45 p.m.

Post-round drinks and lunch at the clubhouse.

3 p.m.

Transfer 35 mins to hotel.

6 p.m.

Dinner with group at Press Club or Angelina.

9:30 p.m.

Transfer 40 mins by private van to the airport.

11:55 p.m.

Depart Hanoi on AA 5844, with service to LA via Narita, Japan (8-hour layover.)

8:45 a.m.

Arrive in LA.