



# Vietnam Full Moon Festival Signature

**April 6, 2025 — April 12, 2025**

**Starting at: \$4,500**



## OVERVIEW

### The Need

The Vietnam you see today is steeped in ancient rites and traditions that have survived throughout history. However, the Vietnamese are suffering tremendously due to their poor health care system and lack of resources. Doctors are disproportionately located in inner cities leaving the rural villages without adequate access to care. Consequently, thousands die every year in Vietnam due to preventable illnesses. Infectious diseases, such as Dengue fever, still remain a big public health concern in Vietnam. Also, non-communicable diseases are having a strong impact in rural communities. International Medical Relief is partnering with Vietnam to achieve a major goal of the country: to improve access to healthcare and preventative education to health conditions. This is why International Medical Relief (IMR) has been invited to the rural areas of Vietnam: to provide quality medical assistance to citizens who would otherwise be unable to access it.

For clinic, your team will travel to many small villages on the plains and in the mountains to provide medical aid to communities that are left out of the healthcare system. You will help provide expert medical care, including lab work, and will help educate locals about the importance of hand washing, oral hygiene, purification and storage of drinking water, family planning, safe sex, and pain management. You will treat entire families, the elderly, war victims, and vibrant young people.

## Our Work

International Medical Relief started collaborating with Vietnam in 2016. IMR continues to grow and strengthen our partnership with communities within the country and has since had 131 volunteers and staff working with more than 3,000 patients.

With diligent planning and preparation, IMR is dedicated to ensuring that specific goals are met on our missions, each in correlation to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 17.

IMR works to elevate vulnerable populations through shoulder-to-shoulder care with our local partners, creating workforce density, and a cadre of future healthcare and public health leaders in association to UNSDG 3: Good Health & Wellbeing.

In correlation with UNSDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, our organization works in collaboration and at the request of local hosts where we are under their direct influence and affluence. IMR never goes into a country without a formal invitation where there is a great community need for medical or dental care, and health education.

## This Mission

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## Lodging/Transportation

Your team will work on the Central Coast of Vietnam. You will have the opportunity to get to know two distinct cultures within this beautiful country as you travel to small villages on the plains and in the mountains. Your team will stay in a modern hotel in Da Nang and in comfortable accommodations in the mountains. You will enjoy the most flavorful foods available in Vietnam, including

mì Quảng (rice noodles with turmeric and fish or meat), bún chả cá (fish ball noodle soup), bún mắm (seafood gumbo), cánh gà chiên mắm (fried chicken wings in fish sauce), and mít trộn (a salad mixed with jackfruit and pork rind). Don't miss the Pho – soup for breakfast is the only way to start the day – although the strong Vietnamese coffee, sweetened with thick condensed milk, isn't a bad way to start things off either!

## Highlights

While the most rewarding aspect of this trip will be caring for Vietnam's rural residents, the team will also have the opportunity to participate in Vietnam's famous Full Moon Festival in the ancient port city of Hoi An. You will visit the wondrous caves of the Marble Mountains and spend time in the magnificent UNESCO site of My Son Sanctuary.



## ITINERARY

*This itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

*Please note: You will be notified about the group flight option prior to the Early Bird deadline. Domestic flight arrangements should not be made until after the group flight is booked.*

*If you choose to fly independently, transportation between your arrival airport and your IMR accommodation is not included. If you wish to arrange transportation, you can contact [flights@worldwidenavigators.com](mailto:flights@worldwidenavigators.com).*

*If you have any questions regarding flights, please contact [flights@worldwidenavigators.com](mailto:flights@worldwidenavigators.com).  
Thank you.*

### **Sunday, April 6, 2025**

#### Arrivals in Da Nang

\*\*\*\*An authorized e-visa, obtained prior to travel, is required to enter Vietnam. This is an easy process! Please contact [office@imrus.org](mailto:office@imrus.org) to obtain necessary information prior to applying for your visa. Welcome to Vietnam, IMR! The required arrival time to land in Da Nang is 2:00pm. Upon your arrival,



you will meet with your team and team leader for dinner and some team time. You will participate in team orientation to talk about clinic roles, review protocols and gain insight into the communities and populations you will be serving. You will also review all of the supplies, laboratory testing equipment, community health education materials, and more.

### **Monday, April 7, 2025**

Clinic

Your team will hold clinic in a village not far from Da Nang. Many elderly will attend the clinic, as well as those who have been severely impacted by wars and loss. Your medical and dental skills will be of great comfort to these people. Before leaving clinic, take a short walk to the beautiful rice paddies nearby clinic.

### **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

Clinic

Today you will spend another day serving the communities around Da Nang. The days are long and hard but incredibly rewarding!

### **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

Clinic

You will continue serving communities in the areas surrounding Da Nang. You'll continue to serve patients that can't access medical and dental care for a variety of reasons and the smiles you get from your patients will keep you in fine spirits.

### **Thursday, April 10, 2025**

Clinic

Your last day in clinic will be bittersweet as you reflect upon your patients throughout the week and the impact you hope you made on their lives.

### **Friday, April 11, 2025**

Free Day and Full Moon Festival

You will have a free day to explore Da Nang. We will head to the port city of Hoi An for a wonderful celebration of the full moon. The full moon holds tremendous significance to the Vietnamese people. After spending a bit of time seeing the town, as the sun begins to sink you will make your way to the river's edge with your lantern in hand. Warning! It will be dark as all of the town's lights are shut off. Light your candle and let your lantern run free down the river along with thousands of others. What a magical experience!

### **Saturday, April 12, 2025**

## Departures

Today is your departure day! Thank you for your hard work and volunteer spirit. Depending on your flight time, you may have a few minutes to explore Da Nang or head to the beach. The day is yours. If you're interested in extending your stay in Vietnam, our partner Worldwide Navigators offers exclusive trip extensions just for IMR volunteers! See the Extensions tab on this page for details.



## EXTENSIONS

You're journeying across the globe. Why not extend your stay in Vietnam to experience some of its top tourist attractions? Join International Medical Relief on an exclusive trip extension provided by our partner Worldwide Navigators and some visit of the area's highlights.

Highlights:

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi! Upon arrival in Vietnam, your group will transfer by private vehicle to your accommodation and meet your local guide for this trip.

In the afternoon, enjoy a visit to the Museum of Ethnology, a museum that focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in this culturally diverse country.

Strap on your helmet and gear up for a cycling tour (by rickshaw) through the Old Quarter of Hanoi featuring stops at Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, and a water puppet show — a theatre and arts staple of Vietnam.

Day 2: Ha Long Bay | Kayaking Tour | Cooking Demonstration

Rise early this morning for a light breakfast at your accommodation before being picked up by private transport for Ha Long Bay. Upon arrival at Hon Gai pier, your group will go through standard boarding operations and a safety orientation with

the Cruise Manager.

Enjoy a lunch on deck with some of the best products that come out of Ha Long. After lunch, your cruise will sail to Vung Vieng floating fishing village where you'll strap on your life vest and paddle via kayak to explore. For those who prefer to not join the kayaking tour, they're welcome to stay onboard the boat to lounge and indulge in the onboard sauna.

After some kayak adventuring, your group will make way to happy hour at a local pub. Enjoy a live cooking demonstration and buy-one-get-one drinks!

Enjoy a set menu dinner onboard the boat and a squid fishing activity before turning in for the night.

### Day 3: Ha Long Bay | Tai Chi | Cave Exploration

After a restful night anchored in the Cong Do area, rise early in the morning to practice one of the oldest traditions of East Asia: Tai Chi. This beautiful and relaxing practice will take place on the open deck of the boat where coffee and tea will be served after along with a light breakfast.

After breakfast, travel up 200 steps on an island to explore Thien Canh Son cave. Experience its beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. When you've explored to your heart's content, head back to the boat for checkout and brunch on the second deck as you sail back to the pier.

A driver will meet your group and transport you back to your accommodation in Hanoi. Spend the remainder of your day freely exploring this unique city!

### Day 4: Departure Home

It's time to say goodbye to beautiful Vietnam and begin your departure home and onward journey. We hope you enjoyed your time diving deep into this fantastic country!

What's Included:

You Will Need to Provide:

4-Day, 3-Night All-Inclusive Tour starts at \$995. Contact Worldwide Navigators to book an extension or get more information.





## FLIGHTS AND PRICES

### Minimum Donation

*Your generous donation helps to save and change lives every day*

Your generous donation of **\$4500** will go toward the ongoing global relief to care for the underserved and vulnerable people of this community. As a member of this medical mission team, you will elevate the long-term impact of sustainable, capacity-building efforts that improve the health, wellness, and quality of life of those most in need. A small portion of your donation includes:

- Clinic supplies and medications for patients
- Clinic participation
- Transportation, accommodations, and meals as outlined in the itinerary

### Donation Payment Deadlines

\$4300 due by January 6, 2025

\$4500 due by March 9, 2025

## Early Bird Savings Opportunity

To be eligible, upload all your required documents and forms, and make a minimum of 50% of your donation payment by .

## FLEXIBLE FLIGHT OPTIONS

### Volunteer with Airfare

You may choose to book a flight with us for an additional fee. Details on the available flight routing and US departure city will be announced on . Airport transportation to and from the team's accommodations are also included with this option. Depending on your departure city, you may still need to purchase another flight in addition to this one. After this flight has been booked, you may contact our travel agent, Worldwide Navigators, for assistance booking any necessary additional flights.

### Benefits of Flying at a Group Rate

- Travel with other members of your team on select routing
- Fly on a group ticket at a guaranteed rate
- Transport to and from the airport included

### Volunteer without Airfare

Many team members choose to book their flight(s) to and from the mission location independent of IMR. This is a great option if you would like to extend your stay in the area to tour and explore, or if the routing from your home airport is more feasible for you. If you choose to fly independently, please note that your transportation in between the airport and the team's accommodations will not be provided. This will need to be arranged separately. Our partner for travel, Worldwide Navigators, would be happy to assist you in coordinating flights and/or transportation. You can contact them at [travel@worldwidenavigators.com](mailto:travel@worldwidenavigators.com).

### Benefits of Flying Independently

- Extend your stay and customize your dates of travel
- Choose your departure location
- Customize your class of service

## Featured Enhancements

Airfare & Airport Transfer:

**Starting at \$50+ each way plus airfare that is subject to availability at the time of booking.**

Single Supplement:

\$100 per night

Airport Transfers (for independent flyers):

\$50 each way

Malpractice Insurance:

\$129.50 to \$279.50

Continuing Education (CE/CME) Credits:

\$350

Personalized Scrubs (2 sets):

\$50

IMR T-Shirt:

\$15

Partner Program:

Starting at \$25 per month

*\*\* To purchase any of the above Featured Enhancements for your mission please contact our office at [office@imrus.org](mailto:office@imrus.org) or call at (970) 635-0110*

## Your Donation to IMR for Your Mission Cost Includes:

All group costs from the time you arrive at the team meeting point in country until you separate from the team or when the team arrives at the departure airport, including:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Costs associated with the clinic
- Food
- Tips for services provided to the IMR team
- All logistics, including translation services and security as needed

## Additional Costs That You Are Responsible For:

All group costs from the time you arrive at the team meeting point in country until you separate from the team or when the team arrives at the departure airport, including:

- International and Domestic flights to the country. [You have the option to](#)

[fly independently, or on a group flight with IMR](#)

- Passport fees, visa fees, and transit fees, including baggage or overnight accommodations/meals while in transit
- Required or recommended insurance
- Vaccinations and medications common for travel
- Spending money for souvenirs and personal purchases
- Required or desired mission supplies, personal equipment, or small gifts for the special people you meet
- Any lodging, meals, and transportation outside of the scheduled team mission, payable at the time of service to the local vendor
- COVID-related fees such as testing, vaccinations, and quarantines as required by incountry arrival/departure or USA arrival/departure