



Vietnam In Depth

Active Adventure Collection
March 5 to March 15, 2027
11 Days | Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City

Exclusively Created for CGA – California Gay Adventures
Planned and Hosted by Pride Adventures
Operated on the Ground by G Adventures

Trip Host: Kevin Smith
Group Size: 8 to 15 Travelers

Welcome to Vietnam

This departure has been **exclusively created for CGA – California Gay Adventures**, bringing our community together for an unforgettable journey through one of Southeast Asia's most captivating countries.

Vietnam is layered, vibrant, emotional, and alive. It is a place of dramatic limestone cliffs rising from emerald waters, lantern lit streets glowing at dusk, rice terraces carved into mountainsides, and cities that pulse with energy and flavor.

March is one of the most beautiful times to visit. Northern Vietnam enjoys comfortable temperatures and clear skies, central regions are warm and coastal, and the countryside is lush and green. It is a truly ideal window for exploration.

This Active Adventure has been personally vetted and enhanced by Pride Adventures to ensure thoughtful pacing, elevated accommodations, and meaningful inclusions that bring us closer to the culture and to one another.

Expect incredible food. Stunning scenery. Genuine connection. And shared moments you will remember long after you return home.

What to Expect

Activity Level: Light to Moderate

Walking: 1 to 4 miles per day on city streets, village paths, and scenic trails

Pace: Immersive and engaging, balanced with free time

Climate: Mild in the north, warm and tropical in central and southern regions

This is an upgraded cultural adventure with strong meal inclusions and unforgettable landscapes.

Travel Style and Pride Enhancements

This small group departure is limited to just 15 travelers. Traveling together in an intimate group allows for flexibility, ease, and stronger connection.

In addition to the exceptional G Adventures itinerary, Pride Adventures enhances this experience with:

- **Pride Welcome Dinner**
 - **Pride Farewell Dinner**
 - **A Special Pride Moment**
 - **Included arrival and departure airport transfers**
 - **Choice Day experience in Hoi An**
 - **10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 6 dinners included**
 - **Most tips for local guides and drivers included**
 - **Upgraded accommodations throughout**
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Accommodations

We stay in thoughtfully selected, comfortable properties that balance character and location.

Hanoi – The Q Hotel Hanoi (or similar)

A modern boutique hotel in the heart of the Old Quarter, steps from cafés and historic streets.

Pu Luong – Pu Luong Boutique Garden (or similar)

A scenic hillside retreat overlooking rice terraces. Peaceful, panoramic, and beautifully integrated into nature.

Ha Long Bay – Traditional Overnight Cruise Vessel

Private cabin with ensuite bathroom. These well maintained boats are designed for comfort, featuring proper beds, dining areas, and outdoor viewing decks for sunset and sunrise.

Hoi An – Silkotel Hoi An (or similar)

Ideally located near the lantern lit Old Town, with pool and modern comforts.

Ho Chi Minh City – Muong Thanh Saigon Centre (or similar)

Comfortable and centrally located, providing easy access to city highlights.

Ha Long Bay Luggage Note:

We recommend bringing a small overnight bag for the cruise. Larger luggage will be stored securely and your Tour Guide will coordinate everything seamlessly.

Itinerary

Day 1 – March 5, 2027

Arrival in Hanoi

Welcome to Vietnam. After arriving in Hanoi, you'll be transferred to our hotel in the Old Quarter. In the evening, we gather for our Welcome Meeting and Pride Welcome Dinner — our first shared meal together.

Accommodation: The Q Hotel Hanoi

Meals: Dinner

Transportation: Airport transfer included

Day 2 – March 6

Hanoi in Motion

Today we dive into Hanoi's vibrant rhythm. Experience the city from the back of a motorbike guided by local women drivers, explore historic streets by cyclo, and savor iconic Vietnamese dishes.

Accommodation: The Q Hotel Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transportation: Motorbike, cyclo, and short transfers

Day 3 – March 7

Hanoi to Ha Long Bay

We travel to the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay and board our overnight cruise. Kayak among limestone karsts, explore caves, and enjoy sunset on deck.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise Cabin
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Transportation: Private transfer and cruise

Day 4 – March 8

Ha Long Bay to Pu Luong

Wake to misty views before returning to shore. We then journey inland to Pu Luong, where mountains and rice terraces surround our hillside retreat.

Accommodation: Pu Luong Boutique Garden
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Transportation: Cruise and private transfer

Day 5 – March 9

Pu Luong Trekking

Guided trekking through rice paddies brings us into rural village life. We enjoy bamboo rafting and a countryside lunch.

Accommodation: Pu Luong Boutique Garden
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Transportation: Walking and short transfers

Day 6 – March 10

Pu Luong to Hoi An

We return to Hanoi and fly south to Hoi An. In the evening, we join a hands on cooking class and share dinner together.

Accommodation: Silkotel Hoi An
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Transportation: Private transfer and internal flight

Day 7 – March 11

Hoi An Old Town

Explore lantern lit streets, historic houses, and local markets. The afternoon is yours to relax or visit the beach.

Accommodation: Silkotel Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8 – March 12

Choice Day

Choose between visiting My Son Sanctuary or kayaking through mangrove waterways. Both offer rich cultural immersion.

Accommodation: Silkotel Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast

Transportation: Private vehicle and boat

Day 9 – March 13

Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City

We fly south and explore Ho Chi Minh City by cyclo before enjoying a sunset river cruise.

Accommodation: Muong Thanh Saigon Centre

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Transportation: Internal flight and transfers

Day 10 – March 14

Cu Chi Tunnels and Farewell

Cycle through countryside landscapes before visiting the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. In the evening, we celebrate together at our Pride Farewell Dinner and share a final Pride Moment.

Accommodation: Muong Thanh Saigon Centre

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Transportation: Private transfer and guided cycling

Day 11 – March 15

Departure

Airport transfers are included. For those continuing to Cambodia, the adventure continues.

Meals: Breakfast

Transportation: Airport transfer

Pre and Post Trip Options

Arrive 1 to 2 days early in Hanoi to adjust and explore. Our hosts typically arrive early as well. We are happy to assist with booking pre nights once available.

An optional Cambodia extension will be available beginning after this trip. Contact tripsupport@prideadventures.com for details.

Money and Tipping

Currency: Vietnamese Dong

For your G Adventures Chief Experience Officer, we recommend approximately **USD 6 to 8 per person per day**, given at the end of the trip.

Most tips for local guides and drivers are included.

Safety and Respect

Vietnam is generally very safe. Please remain aware of traffic and secure belongings in busy cities.

Illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.

Utilizing the services of paid sex workers is strictly prohibited and violates both local laws and group conduct standards.

When visiting temples, shoulders and knees should be covered out of respect.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory and must include a minimum of USD 200,000 in medical and evacuation coverage.

Proof of insurance will be required before departure.

Final Thoughts

Vietnam is a country of contrasts — ancient and modern, peaceful and energetic, quiet countryside and bustling cities.

But what makes this journey special is not only where we go. It is who we go with.

We cannot wait to experience this adventure with you.

Travel with Pride.