



## PIRANHA GOLF EVENTS VIETNAM GOLF TOUR

19 - 29th November 2015

9th - 19th June 2016



## DESTINATIONS PREVIEW

Despite Vietnam's ongoing economic liberalization and the pressures of rapid development, this dignified country has managed to preserve its rich civilization and highly cultured society. Most visitors to Vietnam are overwhelmed by the sublime beauty of the country's natural setting: the Red River Delta in the north, the Mekong Delta in the south and almost the entire coastal strip are a patchwork of brilliant green rice paddies tended by women in conical hats. There are some divine beaches along the coast too, while inland there are soaring mountains, some of which are cloaked by dense, misty forests.

**Climate:** Year-round tropical climate with relatively high humidity. The hottest months are March to May; the coolest, November to February. The rainy season lasts from June to October, but usually consists of a heavy shower in the late afternoon.

Average Temperatures (F)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	89	90	92	95	93	91	90	90	89	88	87	87
Low	68	72	74	77	77	76	76	76	75	75	72	68

**Currency:** The monetary unit of Vietnam is the Vietnam Dong (VND). Approximately 21,000- VND to 1 US Dollar.

**Language:** Vietnam is the national language, with English spoken by many who come into contact with tourists on a daily basis.

**Credit Cards and Tipping:** Credit cards are widely accepted in Vietnam. Tipping is not expected, but appreciated where service charge not included in bill.

**Time Zone:** GMT + 7

**Weights and Measures:** Metric.

**Electric current:** 240 Volts, 50 Cycles. Sockets are two-pin.

**Health:** Vietnam has no specific requirement regarding vaccinations for visitors, but please check with your nearest health office for recommendations.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS:

All persons entering Vietnam require a visa. Travelers need a tourist visa which cannot be issued on arrival unless prior arrangements have been made. Please note normal tourist visa are valid for single entry only. **Visa pre-approval letter costs AUD \$20.00 per person; visa stamping fee costs US\$45.00 per person for single entry.**

The immigration requires seeing following documents:

- Original passport with over 6 months validity
- Visa application form + a photo of passport size
- Visa pre-approval letter
- Stamping fee (US\$45.00 pp), in US\$ and cash

## VIETNAM GOLFING TOUR

SAIGON - DANANG - SAIGON

11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

### DAY 1

Meet at your nearest Australian Capital City for travel to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) with Vietnam Airlines

PM - Arrive Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Clear Customs then met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel

Overnight at Caravelle Hotel – [www.caravellehotel.com](http://www.caravellehotel.com)

### DAY 2

Arrival Saigon – (B & D)

Breakfast at hotel



### MEKONG DELTA EXPERIENCE WITH LUNCH

Duration: 8 hours, from 08:00 am – 16:00 pm

Depart to My Tho, one of quiet cities in Mekong Delta area. The boat trip on Tien river begins at 30/4 My Tho pier, visit My Tho fish market and four islands: Long, Lan, Qui, Phung. Continue to across Mekong River to Tan Thach - Ben Tre province to visit the coconut candy and rice paper factory in Ben Tre. And then, ride horse car along one of the most beautiful villages to Mr. Muoi Hai's house to enjoy honey tea, trying some seasonal fruits while listening to traditional music "Tai Tu" – the lovely and romantic melody.

Rowing on sampans (small boat) along the canals of Mekong River. Lunch will be served at restaurant. Return the 30/4 My Tho pier and take on private vehicle to Cantho, stop for visiting the ancient pagoda Vinh Trang - one of the most ancient pagoda in the Mekong Delta. After lunch at local restaurant, transfer back to Saigon.

05:30 PM Join the **XO Foodie Tour** on motorbikes – Experience Vietnam's hawker food, sample the most amazing dishes that Vietnam has to offer! Taste your way through cuisine from North Vietnam, Hue and The South! This tour is designed to introduce you to the dishes and desserts that most food blogs and other food tours don't really touch upon. We will take you to the most popular street stalls and hidden alleyways in the city and show you where the locals really love to eat!

Foodie tour focuses on street food dishes that most people outside of Vietnam have never had a chance to experience. Unlike most other Vietnam food tour, we don't serve Pho, Spring roll, Vietnamese Pancake, or Banh Mi sandwiches. On this tour we'll take you to 5 other popular districts and show you how real Vietnamese people live, work and eat.

## DAY 3

Saigon - Danang (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

In the morning, around 7.30 am pick up and transfer to Vietnam Golf & Country Club for 01 round of 18 holes.

### **Vietnam Golf & Country Club**

Is the first 36-hole golf club in Vietnam and is widely regarded as Vietnam's Premier Golf and Country Club.

Located just 20 kilometres from the centre of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Golf and Country Club is also the nearest golf club to the city.

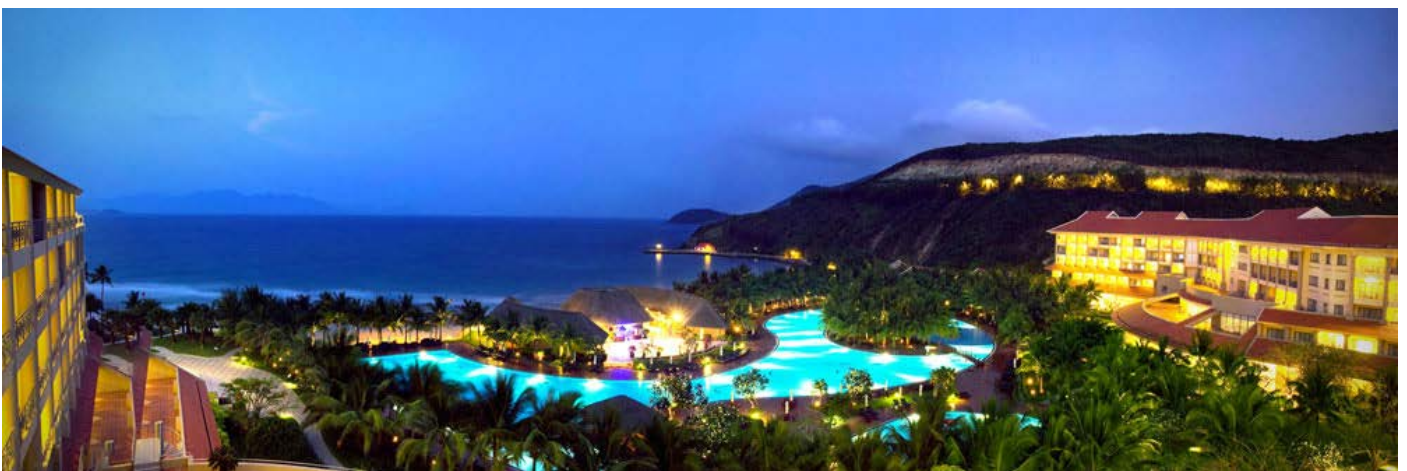
Set amongst 300 hectares of land, two great golf courses have been carved out of the existing woodland with minimal land movement, leaving you feel that the land was always destined to be a golf course, so natural is the lay-out and design.

The West course first opened in December 1994, and was designed by Taiwanese architect Chen King Shih. The Par 72 Championship Course hosted the Vietnam Open (Asian PGA Tour Event) in both 1995 and 1997. The course winds its way through the trees offering challenging tee shots to the tree lined fairways before playing to the softly contoured Bermuda TifEagle greens, which provide beautiful putting surfaces all year round.

Lee Trevino, six-time Major Champion Winner (US Open 1968,1971, USPGA Championship 1974, 1984 and The Open Championship 1971 and 1972), designed the East Course which opened in September 1997. The East Course offers more generous fairways than the West Course but is protected by well positioned bunkers, water hazards and undulating Bermuda TifDwarf greens.

Following Golf transfer to the airport for flight to Danang. Upon arrival, pick up and transfer to your hotel at Danang and proceed check-in,

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Danang Resort.



## DAY 4

Danang (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

AM: Our driver will pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to the **Dunes Golf Club**.



### **Greg Norman Golf Course Design**

When it comes to professional golf achievements, few players in the history of the game are in the same category as Greg Norman. During his prime, he won 86 international titles, including two British Opens. In 1987, The Shark (as he came to be known) took his profound knowledge of the game and made the official jump into the design industry. He formed Greg Norman Golf Course Design (GNGCD) and the rest is history. Over the past quarter century, GNGCD has created more than 70 courses on six continents and established a reputation for imaginative designs that acknowledge golf's traditional origins and the landscapes on which it has been played

### **The Dunes Course**

When Greg Norman checked in on the progress of the Dunes Course, in March 2010, he said: "The fact is, you'd be doing a very poor job to make a boring course out of a site like this." Certainly Mother Nature had a gigantic hand in the formation of a layout that evokes an experience often found in seaside courses in the British Isles and southeastern Australia. But make no mistake: This is Vietnam. One look at the stunning, par-3 16th hole – back-dropped as it is by traditional, long-tail fishing boats that troll the warm waters of the East Sea – is all it takes.

End of the day, transfer back to hotel.

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Danang Resort

## DAY 5

Danang (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Free day at leisure to relax by the beach.

Today is the perfect day to include the **Optional Full Day Tour** to Hue with sightseeing & Lunch included.



### **FULL DAY EXCURSION TO HUE WITH LUNCH**

Duration: 10 hours, from 08:00 am – 18:00 pm.

08:00 am, depart from hotel for 2 hour journey to Hue City (120km) via the spectacular Hai Van Pass. Upon arrival, you will take a morning boat cruise along the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda. It's the oldest monastery in Hue, dating back to the 17th century.

Next stop, visit the Royal Citadel & the Imperial City, the past glory of Hue. Emperor Gia Long modeled the Royal Citadel on the Forbidden City in Beijing, China. The Royal Citadel is composed of three walled enclosures, each within the other – a city within a city. The Imperial City, which housed the palaces, pavilions, civil and religious ceremonies and official audiences with the civil mandarins. Then visit the Forbidden Purple City, located within the Imperial City, this was the royal palace used only by the imperial family and the concubines and eunuchs, who served them. This part of the Imperial City suffered the most extensive damage during the Vietnam War and little remains of the original structure - today there are just ruins. UNESCO as a World Heritage Site is presently restoring it.

After lunch at Ancient Hue Restaurant, you will continue to visit Khai Dinh's Tomb; the spectacular entryway with its dragon pillars is the highlight of the Tomb. The architecture is in a modern style with a blend of European and Eastern design. Inside the main hall are colourful glass mosaic frescoes and a life-size bronze statue of Khai Dinh.

And Tu Duc's Tomb; a peaceful resting place enclosed by walls, it features pine woods and a lakeside pavilion with lotus blossoms where the emperor once fished, listened to music, and wrote poetry. The tomb was more of a pleasure garden than a tomb: the emperor used it as a second residence, where he indulged in extravagant 50-course meals of incredible delicacies. The mausoleum was constructed between 1864 and 1867 by a force of 3,000 labors. If time permits, visit Dong Ba colourful market before transferring back to your hotel in Danang in late afternoon.

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Danang Resort.

## DAY 6

Danang (B)

Transfer to **Lugana Langco Golf Course**, 1.5 hrs drive from Danang. The course is located on a tranquil bay facing the East Sea between the ancient city of Hue to the north and Danang to the south. This 6958-yard par 71 golf course is already being widely acclaimed and has been described as the best of the 26 courses worldwide designed by the six-times Major winner, Sir Nick Faldo.

Upon arrival, start playing a round of 18-hole at Lugana Langco Golf Course. Return to the hotel in later afternoon and balance of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Danang Resort.

## DAY 7

Danang (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Pick up at hotel and transfer to Golf club **Montgomerie Links** for whole day play 18 holes



### **Montgomerie Links**

Located midway between Hoi An and Danang, Vietnam's vibrant third largest city. It is just 15 minutes drive from Danang International Airport, which is serviced by direct local and international flights.

Life and style go hand in hand at Montgomerie Links. Residents are surrounded by one of the most beautiful golf courses in Asia, and the unique Central Coast location is ideal with abundant recreational and cultural attractions all within easy reach.

Eight-time European Order of Merit winner and 2010 Ryder Cup-winning captain, Colin Montgomerie, designed the beautifully presented links-style course. It was the first – and remains the best – of the new courses to be created in the Central Coast area and the accolades have already started to grow. The 2012 Forbes Travel Guide rated Montgomerie Links as one of Asia's ten most elite courses, and it recently won a prestigious Asia Pacific Property Award.

Acclaimed by local and visiting golfers alike, it is challenging enough to test the best players, while being eminently playable and enjoyable for mid and higher handicappers.

Make Vietnam's most desirable golf and country club retreat your home. Montgomerie Links Residences are located in an exclusive community, nestled within a private enclave in the heart of the course between holes 9 and 10. Their elevated position maximizes magnificent views over sweeping fairways, extending to mountain ranges to the south and west and to the ocean on the east.

End of the days transfer back to hotel.

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Danang Resort.

## DAY 8

Danang – Nha Trang (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Early check out and Transfer to the airport to take flight to Nha Trang via **VN1943**. Meet with our local tour guide on arrival & transfer to the hotel.

Afternoon at leisure

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Nha Trang / Garden Villa

## DAY 9

Nha Trang (B)

Breakfast at hotel.



### **Vinpearl Nha Trang Golf**

Vinpearl Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 71 Championship masterpiece of 6,787 yards on 1.82 sq. km. located in the Vinpearl Tourism Complex on Hon Tre Island in Nha Trang Bay. The bay has been rated by Forbes Magazine as one of the most beautiful bays in the world and Vinpearl Golf Club offers a spectacular view of the bay from every hole on the course.

IMG Worldwide, a global leader in golf course design, has made great use of the natural beauty mapping an impressive layout along the 800 meter beach and throughout the valley. Each hole is a unique challenge creating unmatched satisfaction and a memorable experience for the golfer.



One hour by car and speed boat from Cam Ranh Airport, you will be graciously welcomed at the ocean-view Clubhouse. Players can enjoy the delightful natural scenery with fresh air and soothing breezes.

The full length driving range with all grass teeing area, including large practice chipping and putting greens and standard practice bunkers, will provide perfect conditions for you to hone your skills and challenge the course.

The Clubhouse is equipped with the restaurant serving both Asian and Western cuisine. This is an ideal place to host outdoor events and international standard awards parties.

Under the leadership of our PGA professional and cordial operation team along with the strong support of outstanding amenities, Vinpearl Golf Club will certainly be the first choice of golfers everywhere.

Situated alongside the amazing golf course is a series of gorgeous villas sprinkling from the hillside down to the sunny beach. Luxury facilities and relevant infrastructure guarantees the best condition for your vacation.

This evening join the group for a Farewell Presentation Dinner at the Resort (International Buffet)

Overnight at Vinpearl Luxury Nha Trang / Garden Villa

## DAY 10

Saigon – Departure (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Free day at leisure until airport transfer out. Hotel check out time is 1200 noon, late check out if any is not included.

Transfer to Saigon Airport to connect with your Vietnam Airlines flight to Australia

Guests may choose to extend their visit in Vietnam.

## DAY 11

AM - Arrive - Brisbane - Sydney - Australian Capital City



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Class Air Transportation with Vietnam Airlines, Ex Sydney & Brisbane to Saigon, Vietnam. Upgrade to Business Class available at applicable rate.
- Australian & Vietnam Departure & Fuel Taxes, Subject to change until the time of ticketing. As @ 22nd June 2015 - Ex Sydney - AUD \$
- Return Economy Class Air Transportation with Vietnam Airlines, Saigon / Da Nang City / Nha Trang / Saigon.
- All Ground transfers as mentioned in the itinerary, in private air-condition bus 45 seats with professional English speaking tour guide,
- 2 nights' accommodation at Caravelle Hotel, Saigon Hotel, bases on Superior room, Twin /double including local taxes.
- 5 nights' accommodation at the Vin Pearl Luxury Resort, Da Nang, based on Ocean View rooms, Twin / Double including local taxes.
- 2 nights' accommodation at Vin Pearl Luxury Nha Trang Resort / Garden Villa including local taxes.
- Daily Buffet Breakfast throughout
- GOLF; 5 Rounds including Green fees, Shared Motorized Carts & Caddie fees
- Play Vietnam Golf & CC, Montgomerie Links; Laguna Golf Club; Greg Norman Dunes Course & Vinpearl Nha Trang G.C.
- Welcome Dinner at XO Foodie Tour on arrival
- Farewell Presentation Dinner
- Piranha Golf Events - Vietnam Tour Caps & Shirt
- Piranha Training Iron - Complimentary
- Golf Prizes
- Mineral water & cool towels during transfers,
- Tour Fully Escorted from Australia
- Vietnam Visa Letter

## DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Passports
- Travel Insurance
- Domestic Australian flights to either Sydney or Brisbane.
- Items of a personal nature such as Telephone Calls, Laundry, Mini Bar etc.
- Meals, other than Breakfast, Welcome and Farewell Dinner
- Optional Sightseeing program.
- Non Golfing Touring program
- Vietnam Entry Visa - USD \$ 45.00 CASH on Arrival
- Golf Club Hire ( If required)
- Tips & Gratuities
- Travel package extensions in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia.

## **COST: PER PERSON - AUD**

EX Sydney - Brisbane  
19th - 29th November 2015

Twin Share Golfer	\$4,998.00
Twin Share Non Golfer	\$3,665.00
Single Occupancy Supplement	\$1,495.00

## **COST: PER PERSON - AUD**

EX Sydney - Brisbane  
9th - 19th June 2016

Twin Share Golfer	\$5,450.00
Twin Share Non Golfer	\$3,898.00
Single Occupancy Supplement	\$1,696.00

## **OPTIONAL TOUR PRICES**

MEKONG DELTA EXPERIENCE WITH LUNCH  
FULL DAY EXCURSION TO HUE WITH LUNCH \$150.00

### **Good Golfing**

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