



## VIETNAM: THROUGH THE LENS 2014

14 days

**\$2,780**

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Shari Tucker has over 10 years of professional photography experience ranging from corporate advertising, weddings and events to travel photography. Her travels have taken her to explore a total of 17 countries and counting. She is passionate about photographing people in their own environments, sharing stories through photographs and encouraging budding photographers to see the world differently through their own lens.

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### A Photography Adventure in Vietnam

Led by Halifax photographer Shari Tucker

Vietnam offers a fascinating blend of traditional and modern, with vibrant cities, fascinating villages and a wide variety of landscapes to discover. Bustling cities, street markets and the beauty of UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay will be a delight to discover through your lens. You will encounter a nation of people rich in culture, tradition and history with a refreshing warmth and friendliness.

Enjoy 14 days of travel and photography with like-minded travellers as you begin to see the world from a different view and capture the country's highlights through your lens. See Hanoi, the 'Paris of the Orient' with its narrow streets that buzz with colour and activity. Relax aboard a traditional Junk Boat and go cruising along Halong Bay. Enjoy floating fishing villages, interact with the locals and savour delicious cuisine. Float down the Mekong Delta on a sampan boat on the way to an unforgettable one night home stay with local family on the shores of the Mekong.

This photo tour is perfect for anyone who loves travel and photography. From beginner to advanced amateur, you are sure to take away new skills and experiences from Shari's hands on teaching approach and being surrounded by like-minded travellers who share your passions. Learn during a variety of classroom and hands on workshops and informal discussions, but rest assured, most of your time will be well spent photographing the beauty that surrounds you and let the world inspire you.

#### Includes:

- 13 nights accommodation
- Local guide in each city
- Guided city tours of Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Professional Photography Instructor
- Full day photo workshop
- Night photo workshop
- Photo talks & hands on photography assistance
- Hoi An Full Moon Festival
- Private charter boat – Halong Bay
- 1 night homestay – Mekong Delta
- Overnight train
- Domestic Flight



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### DAY 1 - Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi! Arrive any time day or evening and make your way to your centrally located joining hotel. No planned activities today.

*Overnight – Tirant Hotel or similar*

### DAY 2 - Hanoi (Breakfast / Dinner)

This morning enjoy a guided city tour and mingle with other group members, or explore on your own for the afternoon. In the early evening join the group for an included welcome dinner.

*Overnight – Tirant Hotel or similar*

### DAY 3 - Hanoi (Breakfast)

Get ready for a full day photography workshop. Today learn how to say goodbye to your automatic settings. The afternoon will be hands on learning and activities to challenge how you view the rest of the trip through your lens. Evening at leisure.

*Overnight – Tirant Hotel or similar*

### DAY 4 - Hanoi to Halong Bay (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Early morning private transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay. We will have a 4 to 5 hour scenic drive before boarding our private charter boat on Halong Bay. After lunch we visit a floating fishing village, interact with the fisherman and trek to the top of an island for a panoramic view. Watch the sunset and enjoy a delicious meal while having an informal group photography discussion.

*Overnight – Bai Tho boat (charter)*

### DAY 5 - Halong Bay to Hanoi (Brunch)

Early risers will enjoy the tranquility of the morning as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a few fascinating grottoes and enjoy brunch before returning to the wharf for our transfer back to Hanoi. Evening at leisure.

*Overnight – Tirant Hotel or similar*

### DAY 6 - Hanoi to Danang (Breakfast)

Take a leisurely morning stroll to enjoy Hanoi on your own. Walk along the beautiful lakes, browse the colourful markets. For early risers, an optional (\$) Early Bird by Bike tour can be pre-booked. In the afternoon / evening we head to the train station for an overnight journey on the Reunification Express Train.

*Overnight – Train to Danang*

### DAY 7 - Danang to Hoi An

Private transfer from Danang train station to our centrally located Hoi An hotel. Take a guided walking tour of the city, taking in all of the main historic sites and landmarks. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

*Overnight – Hotel Prisma or similar*

### DAY 8 - Hoi An (Breakfast)

Relax in the morning in preparation for a Night Photography Workshop. In the evening we'll explore the streets of Hoi An after dark where brightly colored lanterns will adorn the shops and the streets will be alive with music, folklore and plays in celebration of the Full Moon Festival.

*Overnight – Hoi An Historic or similar*

### DAY 9 - Hoi An (Breakfast)

Enjoy a leisurely day with camera in hand for various optional (\$) excursions, or take the day off from photography.

*Overnight – Hoi An Historic or similar*

### DAY 10 - Hoi An to Saigon (Breakfast)

Transfer from Hoi An to the Danang airport for our short flight to Ho Chi Minh City. An afternoon guided city walking tour will take you through the heart of Saigon's famous historic city and visit the huge Binh Tay market.

*Overnight – Northern Hotel or similar*

### DAY 11 - Saigon to Ben Tre to Cai Be (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

This morning transfer from Saigon to a lesser-visited area of the delta to view daily life in Vietnam. Board a private boat at Ben Tre and explore the Mekong Delta with stops at a coconut candy workshop and sample some delicacies, then off to a mud brick kiln and bamboo mat weaving workshop. We'll savour Mekong dishes for lunch and then a sampan boat ride through narrow palm fringed channels.

*Overnight – Homestay*

### DAY 12 - Cai Be to Saigon (Breakfast)

Take a leisurely bike ride\* around the countryside, or wander around the lush fruit gardens before transferring back to Saigon. Evening arrangements will be made for you to get photos to Shari for the final slideshow presentation.

*Overnight – Northern Hotel or similar*

### DAY 13 - Saigon (Breakfast / Dinner)

Today is bittersweet as you go off to enjoy one last morning in the energetic city of Saigon before meeting for a late afternoon wrap up, including trip highlights, slideshow and then off to our farewell dinner.

*Overnight – Northern Hotel or similar*

### DAY 14 - Saigon – Departure (Breakfast)

Depart for your return to Canada, or continue your journey with a special add on to explore more of South East Asia.