

Visit the peaceful lake of Hoan Kiem with its sacred temple and the vibrant Dong Xuan Market, Ho Chi Minh Complex

Take part in the bustling Sapa Market where the Red Dao, Black Hmong, Tay and Xa Pho ethnic minorities converge

Discover over 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water when cruising in Halong bay

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Have opportunity to encounter the Red H'mong, Kho Mu, Mang, Dao people and explore the breathtaking mountain scenery of the north

Have enjoyable visit to the old battle field where the lush vegetation grows behind many war relics including old French tanks and artillery pieces

Trip Overview

The interesting culture of many hill tribe groups and the breathtaking mountain scenery of the north are all on this adventure. But it is a great chance to explore the most mountainous region of Vietnam. With Hidden Charm of Northern Mountains 12 days, you join many interesting activities : visiting colorful Sapa market, exploring the old battle field, learning about culture and daily life of minorities…. In the end of the tour you will be relaxed in a peaceful sea of Halong bay.

What you'll get

DURATION
12 days 11 nights

PRICE STARTING FROM
US$ 855

STARTS IN / ENDS IN
Hanoi / Hanoi

SUITABLE
Friends, Family, All of people

Transportation
A/C transfer, cruise

PRODUCT CODE
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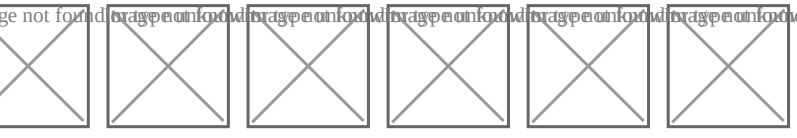
MEALS
11 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION
Hotel - 10 nights, Cruise - 1 night

TYPE
Land tour

Price Includes

- Entrance fees
- Boat trip in Halong
- English speaking guide
- Round trip airport transfer
- Transportation: Private vehicle with A/C
- 2/3 stars accommodation: twin or double hotel room
- 01 night on boat in Halong Bay (twin/double sharing)
- Meal as mentioned: B = breakfast, L = Lunch, D = dinner



Price Excludes

- Other meals
- Tip & Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Single room supplement

Cancellation by Customer

For almost of our tours, once tour is confirmed and fully paid but for one reason they cancel the tour, the following charges will apply in the event of cancellation prior to tour commencement:

- More than 45 days prior to trip departure: No charge (Full refund will be made but transaction fee will be paid by you).
- 30-45 days before arrival: 10% of total tour price.
- 15-29 days before arrival: 50% of total tour price.
- 7-14 days before arrival: 75% of total tour price.
- Within 7 days before arrival: 100% tour price.

Note:

- The above fees are subject to an added bank transaction fee.
- There will be no refund given for any unused or missed ground arrangements, sightseeing, meals or hotel accommodations.
- For no show cases, there will be no refund.
- All cancellations must be in person or in writing and received by us

Cancellation by Weather

In case of an unexpected situation/ bad weather causes an effect on your trip after commencement, we serve the right to change the itinerary of your booked tour for the

safety of all clients in the group. If there are more than one solution, we will ask for your permission and agreement to do the next step. In such kind of cancellation, the refund of any payment on the un-used portion of transportation service, hotel service, car rental or tours will be given.

Itineraries

Day 1 : Hanoi - Arrival

Upon arrival, pickup and transfer to Hanoi, check hotel and free time. O/N in Hanoi.

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 2 : Hanoi City tour

Today we enjoy a full day city tour starting with the Ho Chi Minh Complex, containing the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh (closes on Monday and Friday morning. And closes during October), the Presidential Palace and the Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. This complex also comprises the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origins date back to the foundation of city. We follow this with a trip to the Temple of Literature well known as Vietnam's first university and the History Museum, which displays an excellent collection of artifacts illustrating the Vietnamese history. Our next stop is the impressive Ethnologic Museum, dedicated to Vietnam's 54 hill tribe groups, some of which we will see on our forthcoming days. We also visit the peaceful lake of Hoan Kiem with its sacred temple and the vibrant

Dong Xuan Market before attending a performance of Hanoi's famous water puppets. O/N in Hanoi.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 3 : Hanoi - Son La

The journey northwards begins as we depart Hanoi and pass through the undulating terrains of tea plantations and the many timeless villages linked to the road which is the main artery of trade between the northwestern region and the capital city. This is our first glimpse of rural Vietnam and sets the tone for the days ahead. Depending on road and traffic conditions our drive will deliver us in Son La by mid or late afternoon. After checking into hotel we take a walk around this mountain town. There is a little traffic on roads and many Black Thai in traditional costume scurry in all directions. O/N in Son La.

Meals: B

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 4 : Son La - Dien Bien

The provincial museum and the nearby old prison are some of this hill town's major sights. We have a chance to visit these before we leave for our next destination. The winding roads cross over the Pha Din Pass before reaching Dien Bien Phu, the site of the decisive battle in Vietnam’s struggle for independence in 1954. After checking into our central located hotel we enjoy a walk around to see this fast growing town.

Our main stop is Dien Bien Phu's Museum which details the event in place. We also pay a visit to the old battle field where the lush vegetation grows behind many war relics including old French tanks and artillery pieces. O/N in Dien Bien Phu .

Meals: B

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 5 : Dien Bien - Tam Duong

Heading out of the town, we spend a full day travelling into Vietnam's most mountainous region. The roads are difficult at times, but the spectacular landscape with a mixture of terraced fields and hill villages makes the hardship all worthwhile. On the way, we have some opportunities to encounter the Red H'mong, Kho Mu, Mang, Dao people who still retain their age old cultural traditions and are recognisably distinct from each other by their dress. We arrive in Tam Duong by late afternoon and have time strolling around to catch our first glimpse; a small town surrounded by breathtaking mountains and tea plantations. O/N in Tam Duong.

Meals: B

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 6 : Tam Duong - Sapa

The scenery of the north is unequalled although the conditions are very simple. After breakfast we set off on a half day drive following the mountain roads to Sa Pa, our final destination. At an elevation of 1,500 meters, Sapa was founded in the early years of the last century as a hill resort for French administrators when the heat on

the plain became unbearable. We arrive in Sapa by mid afternoon and can soak up the fresh climate as much as we want by spending our time wandering this famous hill town. The ethnic people are frequently seen on the main street of Sapa and small vendors along the street sell local textiles and handicraft. O/N in Sapa.

Meals: B

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 7 : Sapa Explore

The range of Phan Si Pan boasts Vietnam's highest mountain and lends an alpine feel to the area surrounding this hill station. Today we have enough time to visit the bustling Sa Pa Market where the Red Dao, Black Hmong, Tay and Xa Pho ethnic minorities converge from the nearby mountainsides and valleys to trade their goods and buy provisions. We then get well off the beaten track as we embark on a walk to explore this beautiful mountain region. Along the way we traverse several rustic villages and see many mountaineers doing their daily works such as logging, herding buffalo and tilling the field. The blend of verdant mountain backdrop and colourful population makes for an unimaginable view. O/N in Sa Pa.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 8 (Sunday) : Sapa - Bac Ha

After breakfast we continue venturing into northern Vietnam, travelling through the Chinese border town of Lao Cai to the colourful Sunday Market at Muong Khuong.

This market also attracts a wide variety of ethnic minority groups including the Variegated Hmong, Dao, Phu La, La Chi, Tay who still retain their age old cultural traditions and are recognisably distinct from each other by their dress. The experience of this congregation is unique. Upon leaving Muong Khuong, we drive to Bac Ha. As option , we can embark a walk this afternoon, visiting the Hmong King's former residence and Ban Pho where the villagers make the potent local maize wine . O/N in Bac Ha.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 9 : Bac Ha - Hanoi

The return journey begins as we depart Bac Ha town and pass through the verdant and rugged mountain scenery to Hanoi. These back roads are a great way to explore the real Vietnam. We see very few other travellers, mostly rural dwellers who are just as interested in finding out about our lives as we are of theirs. The drive is very long , but we can make many stops along the way to stretch our legs and take some wonderful photographs. O/N in Ha Noi.

Meals: B

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 10 : Hanoi - Halong

Morning: Pick up from your hotel and transfer to Halong Bay with a stopover on the way for refreshments

At noon: Arrive at Halong bay, tendering to the cruise, welcome on board and check in your cabin. Enjoy lunch with Vietnamese and International served while the cruising through the bay. Afternoon visit Luon cave by bamboo boat or kayaking, stop at beautiful Soi Sim beach for swimming (If the weather permits) or you can reach on the top of Soi Sim beach to have a panorama view of Halong Bay. Back to the cruise, you will join a cooking class on sundeck to learn how to make Vietnamese spring rolls before savoring the dinner at the restaurant.
After dinner is free time for chatting, watching movies, fishing for squids or relaxing on the sundeck. Stay the night at private cabin on board.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cruise

Day 11 : Halong - Hanoi

Enjoy Tai Chi instruction on the sundeck in the early morning before having breakfast. After that, visit Sung Sot Cave – the most beautiful cave on the bay then return to the cruise, check-out and free time before enjoy the brunch while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier.
Tender will take you back to the mainland, bus trip back to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel. O/N in Hanoi.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 12 : Hanoi Departure

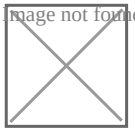
There is a free time for you to relax or further explore Hanoi. The trip ends after your

transfer to Noi Bai Airport for departure.

Meals: B

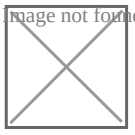
Accommodation:

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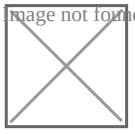
Vietnam airline - good service, small and noisy plane

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