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Discovery North of Viet Nam

(10 days - Daily departure)

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Our driver and guide will pick you up at the airport with your name on a board, and then transfer you to the Hanoi Old Quarter. Check-in then relax at your hotel. Have lunch/dinner at your account.

Overnight in Hanoi city.

Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (B/L)

08:00 - 08:30: pick up at your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter. We then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum. Next door is Ho Chi Minh's house (on stilts). Lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda built by King Ly Thai To in 1049. The structure has become an important symbol for Hanoian citizens. Continue to visit the Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist - dating from the Ly Dynasty) and the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on the West lake (one of the oldest pagoda in Vietnam). Have lunch at a local restaurant.

PM: After lunch and a rest, we proceed to the Ethnology Museum, the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam. Vietnam's first university built in 1070 – its' gardens and well-preserved architecture offers a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake - to see the peaceful waters and visit the Ngoc Son temple. For the end of the tour we take a coach trip through the Hanoi Old Quarter. You are then free to shop or explore the town.

15:30: Water Puppet Show at Thang Long Theater.

16:30: Back to your hotel. Have Dinner at your account.

Overnight in Hanoi city.

Day 3: Hoa Lu – Tam Coc (B/L)

7:45 – 8:15: pick up at your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter, before the interesting 2.5 hours drive to Hoa Lu. In this visit to the historic capital of Vietnam you will see the famous ancient temples of the Le and The Dinh Dynasties.

Bus or cycle transfer for an hour through picturesque & quiet roads through villages, rice fields, rivers and rocky outcrops to Tam Coc (12km) for lunch.

PM: Boat trip to Tam Coc to see the natural beauty of the different formations as you pass along their base and row into one of the many caves carved in the limestone.

18:00: Back to your hotel in Hanoi

Overnight in Hanoi city.

Day 4: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay (L/D)

08:00 – 8:30: Pick up at your hotel and depart for Ha Long city

11:45 – 12:00: Arrive at Ha Long pier

12:00 – 12:15: Board the ship.

12:30: Welcome Drinks – safety instructions, check-in to your cabins. After that, we depart to Ha Long Bay – ready to discover the charms of the bay.

12:45 – 14:15: Enjoy a Vietnamese set menu with delicious dishes for lunch as the vessel sails to Halong Bay passing the Fighting cocks islet, the Dog Island (Hon Cho Da), & the Dinh Huong islet (Hòn Dinh Huong).

14:45: Arrive at Surprise grotto (Hang Sung Sot) – Explore one of the most famous grotto's in the entire Halong Bay.

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- 15:45:** Transfer back to the cruise ship – Continue cruising to a floating fishing village.
- 16:00:** Arrive and visit at Floating fishing – with possibility of kayaking (weather permitting).
- 17:15:** Swim and relax!
- 18:15 – 19:00:** Enjoy our open-air cocktail bar located on the sundeck.
- 19:00 – 20:30:** Indulge in the delicious local dishes with a seafood dinner
- 21:00:** Join in evening activities – Movie Night, Board Games, squid fishing or relax at leisure.

Overnight on board.

Day 5: Ha Long Bay – Cat Ba Island (B/L/D)

Breakfast in early morning.

08:30: Depart to Cat Ba National Park.

10:00: Arrive at Viet Hai Jetty – take a bicycle/motorcycle trip through untouched forests and see the wildlife – Discover a typical Viet Hai village and experience the daily life and customs of the locals.

12:30: Return to local day boat – Enjoy a sumptuous seafood lunch, and then continue to cruise through Ha Long Bay.

14:00: Arrive at Lan Ha bay to explore the untouched area. Choose between relaxing on the beach, kayaking, swimming or snorkeling or rest on board to immerse in Ha Long Bay.

16:30: Check in Deluxe Bungalow on Nam Cat Island or hotel at Cat Ba island – free time for relaxing and entertain.

Overnight in Cat Ba island

Day 6: Cat Ba Island – Ha Long Bay – Hanoi (B/L)

07:45: Leave the hotel, back to the boat and continue the trip

09:30-10:30: Enjoy Vietnamese dishes for breakfast & lunch. Continue to cruise through Ha long Bay, passing Bai Tu Long bay for a visit.

10:45: Check-out of cabins and settle bills – Luggage collection.

11:30 – 12:00: Arrive at Ha Long pier. After lunch, we return to Hanoi at 16.00. Have Dinner at your account.

20:00: Pick up at the Tran Quy Cap Train Station for the overnight train to Lao Cai province (schedule 21:15 – 06:00)

Day 7: Lao Cai – Sapa – Cat Cat – Sin Chai (B/L/D) – App .4 hours trekking – 8 km

06:00: We will Pick up at Lao Cai Station, then transfer to Sapa and stop for photos en route. You will have breakfast in the hotel and some time for R&R, check in before 1200. After lunch, trek to Cat Cat and Sin Chai villages (of the Black H”Mong tribe). Followed by viewing the marvelous Cat Cat waterfall and the beautiful surrounding area. Then back to the hotel in Sapa town

Overnight in Sapa town.

Day 8: Sapa – Lao Chai – Ta Van (B/L/D) - Approx. 7 hours trekking – 15 km

After breakfast, check out and leave your luggage in the hotel before continuing. Trek down to Lao Chai village to visit the Tay and Day tribes, and then keep going along the bottom of the Sapa valley to get to Ta Van village, which is supposed to be the most beautiful one in the area. Have a picnic lunch on the journey. Then back to Sapa by motorbike/jeep. Return to Ha Noi city on the overnight train. (schedule 20:15 – 05:30)

Day 9: Perfume Pagoda (L)

05:30: Take a taxi to the office at 49 Hang Be St (our office) to leave your luggage followed by breakfast and a break.

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07:45 – 08:15: Pick up here before a 2 hour to road trip through interesting countryside. Then you take a row-boat trip to visit the peaceful land on the Yen stream, this romantic trip lasts about 1 hour through to Thien Tru harbor. Then you can take a short walk to visit the stunning main cave, after which you will arrive at Huong Tich cave on the top of the mountain. You can see the “Golden-Silver” tree on the 1 hour walk down, then have lunch at the mountain restaurant at the bottom.

PM: After enjoying lunch, you will see the Heaven Kitchen pagoda and find out about Buddhism in the ancient architecture of the Le Dynasty. Then you will come back by the row-boat before returning to Hanoi for a 1600 arrival. Then have dinner at your account.

Overnight in Hanoi city.

Day 10: Hanoi Departure (B)

After having breakfast, you will get free time before your flight departs. Our driver will pick you up 2.5 - 3 hours before departure time for transfer to the airport!

Includes

Pick up & return to the airport
Train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai – Hanoi (4 berths self sleeper cabin)
Hotel accommodation (twin sharing or triple)
A/C Transport, Boat trip in Ha Long Bay, Hoa Lu – Tam Coc, Perfume Pagoda
Cable car in Perfume Pagoda , Kayaking in Ha Long Bay, Bicycle in Tam Coc
English speaking guide
All meals as per program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
Entrance and Sightseeing Fees

Excludes

Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips
Single supplement for the hotel
Drinks & other costs not mentioned
Domestic and International Tickets, airport tax on departure and arrival
Vietnam Visa to enter the country if required

Children's rate

1 – 4 years old: Free of charge (sharing bed with parents)
4 – 11 years old: 50% of above rate (sharing bed with parents)
Over 11 years old: 100% of above rate

Note

The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels and operating conditions.
Special food requests (diet or vegetarian) should be inquired about before your departure date.

Cancellation policy

If cancellation made after completed booking of tour: 10% of total amount
If cancellation made less than 5 days prior to departure date: 75% of total amount
If cancellation made less than 1 day prior to departure date: 100% of total amount
Bank fee & refund fee applied if any

Cancellation will also draw a fee30 % of total train ticket price per person

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