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## **The Best of Northern Package (Hanoi - Ha Long – Sa Pa - Perfume Pagoda)** *(7 days' time - Daily Departure)*

### **Day 1: Hanoi Arrival (L)**

Waiting for you as you reach the international arrival gate will be our courteous driver holding a sign bearing your name, he will take you to your hotel in the Old Quarter in our modern and comfortable vehicles. Your journey to discover the sites of Hanoi is about to begin on our Hanoi city tour. Lunch is provided at one of the city's traditional restaurants. The tour then takes you to several of the most popular and interesting places in Hanoi, such as the Ethnology Museum, the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam. Vietnam's first university. Built in 1070, its manicured gardens and well-preserved architecture offers a rare glimpse into Vietnam's historic past. Moving on, you drive past Hoan Kiem Lake to experience both the beauty and the serenity of the lake and the animated activities of the local culture on its banks, on your way to the majestic Ngoc Son Temple. The final destination for the day is the delightful water puppet show in the Thang Long Theatre.

To set the pace for the evening, the coach returns you to your hotel via a trip around the Old Quarter to really orientate you with the uniqueness of Hanoian people.

The late afternoon and evening is free time to do some exploring on your own through the myriad of shops and restaurants that compliment the cities' vibrant lifestyle.

### **Day 2: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay (B/L/D)**

Have Breakfast at hotel.

**08:00 – 08:30:** Our modern comfortable coach begins day 2 with pick up at your hotel for the leisurely trip to Ha Long City, where you are welcomed aboard your tour boat with a thirst quenching drink and sumptuous sea food lunch. Once you are settled into your cabin, the cruise begins. The afternoon sees you drifting lazily between the ancient islands viewing the amazing Karts with their unique and varied formations, each carrying the own identity and name, such as: Lion, Tea Pot, Toad, Dau Nguoi (Human Head) islet. After docking at the Sung Sot "Amazing Cave" island. you will be amazed at the beauty of this incredible site as you walk slowly through its amazing taverns, a truly spectacular feature of the island. Continuing on, there will be plenty of time for kayaking, swimming and sunbathing (If weather permits) after the boat anchors at one of the many beautiful spots for the night. Enjoy a tantalizing dinner while experiencing one of Vietnams' most spectacular views, the unique and incredibly beautiful sunsets on Ha Long Bay. There is still time to relax on deck, even wet a line, before retiring to the comfort of your cabin for the night.

### **Day 3: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi (B/L/D)**

After enjoying breakfast., the cruise continues around the bay, fist visiting Van Gia, the famous floating village. Time is made for a little more kayaking before sailing on to Bai Tu Long, a rarely visited, yet spectacular bay filled with unique and abstract islands. As the trip draws to a close you visit the Hon Gai market on Poet Island before heading back to Ha Long City. Our transport then takes you to the famous Thang Long Restaurant for a farewell lunch. The Ha Long Bay adventure concludes with a comfortable bus ride back to Hanoi, arriving around 4pm

At 8pm we will transport you from your hotel to Tran Quy Cap Train Station for the overnight train trip to Lao Cai province, departing at 9.15pm and arriving at 6am to continue your great adventure.

### **Day 4: Lao Cai – Sapa – Cat Cat – Sin Chai (B/L/D)**

**06:00:** On arrival you will be met by our Guide and driver who will take you on the one hour drive up to Sapa. Breakfast is provided for you at the hotel with time to orientate yourself before officially checking into your room.

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After lunch your adventure begins with a trek to Cat Cat and Sin Chai, villages of the Black H'Mong people. Enjoy a refreshing dip in the magic waterfall near Cat Cat village and marvel at the natural beauty of the mountain region on your way back to your hotel. There is plenty of entertainment to choose from as you take a leisurely stroll around Sapa town at night, before turning in after another day of incredible enjoyment.

#### **Day 5: Sapa – Lao Chai – Ta Van (B/L)**

After breakfast, you check out of your room and leave your luggage in the hotel while you Trek down to Lao Cai village to visit the Tay and Day tribes whose lifestyle has remained unchanged for centuries. Continue on to the bottom of the Sapa valley to the Ta Van village, wholly preserved in the traditional culture of the unique tribe. On the return journey by motorbike/jeep to Sapa, a picnic lunch is provided to break up the trip.

After some free time to shop for that special souvenir of the trip to Sapa and dinner at your hotel, you are taken back to Lao Cai station for the relaxing overnight trip to Hanoi.

#### **Day 6: Perfume Pagoda Full Day Tour (B/L)**

**05:30:** A waiting taxi takes you to your pre-booked hotel where your luggage is secured for the day and a complimentary breakfast is provided. Around 8am the adventure begins anew with a comfortable 2 hour road journey. Transferring to row boats, you glide along the peaceful Yen river through the picturesque countryside for about an hour before reaching Thien Tru harbor.

Once back on land you begin the trek up to the mystical Huong Tich cave near the summit of the mountain. After a short break, taking in the views of the amazing natural environment, you begin the leisurely one hour stroll back to the starting point where lunch is served at a local restaurant.

The afternoon begins with a visit to the Heaven Kitchen pagoda, often referred to as the Perfumed Pagoda, where you will learn about its ancient Buddhist origin and witness the impressive architecture of the Le Dynasty. The boats return you to the waiting vehicle for the trip back to Hanoi, arriving about 6pm.

#### **Day 7: Hanoi City Tour & Departure (B/L)**

**08:00-08:30AM:** Day 7 begins when we pick you up at your hotel for our extensive tour of Hanoi's most popular attractions. First we visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum, highlighted by the impressive architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Right next door you can see Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. Not far away from the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda - founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 .The structure has long been an important symbol for Hanoian culture. Continuing on you visit the Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist - dating back to the Ly Dynasty) and Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on the West lake, one of the oldest surviving pagodas in Vietnam. Your 7 day adventure draws to a close with lunch at a popular local restaurant. We are happy to drop you off at Noi Bai airport if you are leaving Hanoi.

#### **Includes**

Transport to and from the airport  
A/C Transport, Boat in Ha Long Bay & in Perfume Pagoda  
Train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai – Hanoi (4 berths soft sleeper wooden cabin)  
English speaking guide  
All meals as per program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)  
Entrance and Sightseeing Fees

#### **Excludes**

Airport car pick up and drop off if required  
Insurance, personal expenses, tips  
Single supplement  
Drinks and other cost not mentioned above.  
Domestic and international Tickets, airport tax, arrival and departure tax.

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Vietnam Visa to enter the country if required

**Children rate**

1 to 4 years old: Free of charge (sharing bed with parents)  
4 to 11 years old: 50% of adult rate (sharing bed with parents)  
Over 11 years old: full fee

**Note**

The itinerary may alter slightly due to adverse weather and operating conditions  
Special request (diet or physical) must be made on booking  
High season surcharge will apply for this travel package

**Cancellation policy**

Cancellation after booking but before arrival: 10% of total amount retained  
Cancellation less than 5 days prior departure date: 75% of total amount retained  
Cancellation less than 1 day prior departure date: 100% of total amount retained  
Bank fee, refund fee applied if any  
Cancellation will also draw a fee ....30 % of total train ticket price / per person

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