

# Discover the Heart of North Vietnam 7 Days



## Brief itinerary

Day	Itinerary Description	Overnight
Day 1	Arrive in Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi Sightseeing	Hanoi
Day 3	Ninh Binh countryside	Ninh Binh
Day 4	Hanoi – Sapa	Sapa
Day 5	Sapa Trekking - Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 6	Hanoi – Halong Bay	Halong Bay
Day 7	Ha Long - Ha Noi - Departure	

## Detailed Itinerary



## Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi



Welcome to Vietnam!. As you step off your plane at **Noi Bai International Airport**, our friendly guide will be waiting for you at the baggage claim area. Look for the sign adorned with our distinctive Asia Tour Advisor logo and your name. Your comfort and ease are our top priorities. Once you're ready, we'll escort you to your hotel, providing a brief introduction to the city along the way. The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, unwind, and begin exploring Hanoi.

**Hanoi**, with its Ten million inhabitants, serves as the **capital of Vietnam**. This city gracefully combines tradition and refinement, boasting French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, serene lakes, and a vibrant Old Quarter. Here, you can observe locals practicing Tai Chi by the lake, and witness the lively activities of barbers and street food vendors.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels



## Day 2: Hanoi Sightseeing





You are scheduled to be picked up from your hotel by our tour guide within the hours of 8:00 - 8:30 am. This marks the inception of a wonderful Hanoi city tour. Our itinerary practically directs us towards the Ho Chi Minh complex, which is the resting place of the Vietnamese great father known as **Uncle Ho**. There is an adventurous thriller which allows you to take a peek at the embalmed body of the great man as it is practically there on display. This also affords you a walk around a couple of houses where he lived and worked from 1954 to 1969.

The next destination is none other than the **Pillar Pagoda**, the worship center of the goddess of mercy. This pagoda comes off as the most unique in the world. A binding fact about this visit is that you must make sure to be in your best dressing in terms of modesty. These involve covering up most parts of your body, especially from the shoulders to the knees.

Before moving to our next destination which is the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, you need to understand certain things about it. The mausoleum is usually closed on Mondays and Fridays, however, tourists are allowed to explore the outer part and take pictures. Two (2) months (15th June to 15th August) are usually set aside annually for maintenance purposes, within which time the mausoleum remains closed.

On this trip also, we'll make a journey through the **Vietnamese Ethnology Museum**, where you can learn a lot about the 54 ethnic groups in Vietnam as a whole. After this, lunch is imminent ! A very special Vietnamese cuisine will be readily available for your consumption, coupled with vegan foods specially made to take care of all vegetarians on board.

At around 2:30 pm, you get to see **the temple of literature**. This temple of literature is said to be **the first Vietnamese University** (1070 AD) to ever exist, and one of the most attractive tourist centers in Northern Vietnam.

Our next destination is the **Hoa Lo prison**. Sometimes, it is very imperative to have a look at a country's criminal and legal system. It enables you to have an insight into how things are really done in the system. It also shows you what to embrace, as well as what to avoid. As you step into the prison grounds, you start to learn a lot about the long standing prison history amongst other things. The prison was built by the French between 1886 to 1901, when Vietnam was still part of French Indochina. The French called the prison **Maison Centrale**. The place was widely known as "**Hell on Earth**" and now it is like a practically motivated war museum, especially for those who want to understand and know more about the war against France by the Vietnamese people.

At exactly 4:30 pm, the bus takes off from the final destination, right back to your hotel. This marks the end of the trip.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels



### Day 3: Ninh Binh countryside



A cycling journey which takes you into a world of your own and cuts open the multiple tints and shades of nature. As our tour guide picks you up from your hotel, we set ablaze a desire that intertwines all hearts together on a journey to see the **Hoa Lu ancient capital**. This engulfs you into learning why and when the then capital Hoa Lu was moved to Hanoi.



Get ready for a much astonishing and structurally amazing architecture and designs of the most talked about temples of king Dinh and king Le, the first and second emperors of Vietnam, built in the 17th century that will blow you out of the water.

We continue our jolly ride on a 45 minutes cycling spree around the village to interact and socialize with the local people.

A significantly exciting aspect pops up as lunch time approaches. There will be lots of local foods to be chosen from...ranging from goat meat, fried rice etc. You're not left out if you are a vegetarian, as vegan foods will also be available. We then take a solemn trip to **Tam Coc** via a bamboo boat. The serene movement of the boat puts you in a rather pensive mood which helps calm your nerves. During the trip, you are greeted with refreshing moments that stem from the paddy fields, river, the gorgeous skies, as well as exhilarating caves. These natural scenes are collectively referred to by the Vietnamese people as "**Halong Bay on Land**".

**The Mua cave** becomes your final tourist destination, as it has the tendency of leaving you in awe of what magnificence nature possesses. It has up to 500 steps, leading you to the most breathtaking and panoramic view of **Tam Coc** from the pinnacle.

Quite around the hours of 19:00, our team then drops you off at the hotel after the trip has ended.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Ninh Binh hotels



## Day 4: Hanoi – Sapa



At 7:30, we will whisk you away from Hanoi towards Sapa. As you journey along the new highway, be captivated by the picturesque views of rural countryside, mountains, and the **Red River**.

Arrive in Sapa around 13:10-13:20 and transfer to your hotel. After lunch, venture to **Cat Cat village**, nestled at the foot of **Fansipan Peak** and home to the Black H'mong ethnic group. Explore their daily life activities and trek down to the valley bottom to admire the waterfall, a relic of the French hydroelectric power station. Capture memorable photos with the bridge and waterfall before returning to your hotel in Sapa. Enjoy free time to explore Sapa by night.

At 9:00 AM, embark on a short transfer to **Y Linh Ho village**, inhabited by the Black Hmong tribe and secluded from tourists. Immerse yourself in raw Sapa culture by visiting native houses and observing handicraft-making from natural materials. Continue your trek downhill along the **Muong Hoa River**, where you can rest or swim before ascending to **Lao Chai village** for a picnic lunch.

Afterward, visit the Day and Red Dzao tribes of **Tavan village**, nestled amidst the breathtaking rice terraced fields of **Muong Hoa valley**. Conclude your trekking adventure with a transfer back to Sapa.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Sapa hotels



## Day 5: Sapa Trekking - Hanoi





Commence your day with a 9:30 am departure from the hotel, taking a short road transfer out of Sapa town to the walking path. Embark on a two-hour uphill walk along a broad path, ascending the **Den Thang range**. Enjoy breathtaking views of Fansipan Peak and the Muong Hoa Valley as the trek leads to **Hang Da Village** of the H'mong, perched at a 1,800m hilltop, overlooking the **Muong Hoa Valley**.

Explore the village, break for lunch, and continue the trek downhill through H'mong hamlets of the **Hau Thao Commune**. Marvel at the process of making fiber from hemp in these hamlets, including spinning and weaving. The trek concludes at the Red Dzao Village of **Giang Ta Chai**, where our driver will transport you back to Sapa. Dinner is on your own. At 6:30 PM, our driver will take you to Lao Cai for your night train to Hanoi.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels



## Day 6: Hanoi – Halong Bay



Our journey embarks from Hanoi where we'll pick you up for a scenic drive through the verdant landscapes of the **Red River Delta**. Our destination: the world-famous **UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay, Lan Ha Bay**. Here, you'll embark on a luxurious cruise for an enchanting overnight cruise.

As you relax on board, you'll be captivated by the breathtaking limestone karsts that majestically emerge from the azure waters, surrounded by thousands of jungle-clad islands

seemingly suspended on the gentle waves. The turquoise waters of the Gulf of Tonkin conceal hidden grottoes and ancient caves, creating a timeless and mesmerizing world.

Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch with breathtaking views and a refreshing drink. Our next destination is a charming fishing village, where locals have ingeniously turned their boats into a floating community. Meet fishermen, explore a stunning lagoon by kayak or rowboat, and unwind on deck as the sun sets. Spend a delightful overnight stay on board!

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay hotels

## Day 7: Ha Long - Ha Noi - Departure

Kickstart your day with Tai Chi on the top deck or savor the sunrise over the bay. Sip on morning coffee or tea before setting out to explore nearby islands via rowboat.

Upon returning to the junk, witness a fruit carving demonstration and participate in a cooking class, learning to create traditional Vietnamese cuisine from scratch. Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch on board as you cruise back to Halong City. Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting at the dock to take you to Noi Bai Airport for your short flight to Back Home

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** hotels



# Booking Policy

## What's Included

- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- All transport and listed activities
- English speaking local guide
- All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Cruise magnificent Ha Long Bay

## What's Excluded

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodation
- Visa fee upon arrival in Vietnam
- Tips and personal expenses including personal insurance.
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel early check in & Late check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel
- Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide
- Travel insurance
- Drinks and other meals not clearly mentioned
- Surcharge for special request on food, and meals.

## Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

## Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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