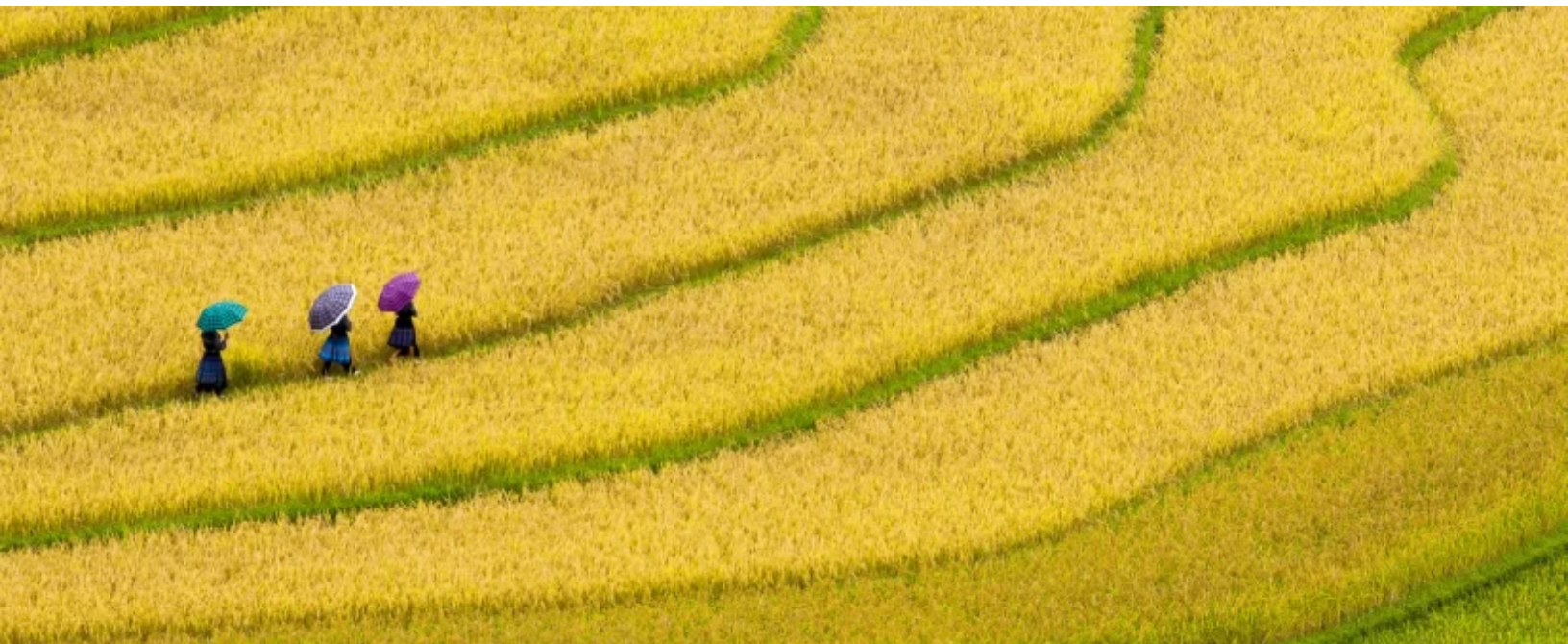


# Best of Nature in Northern Vietnam 8 Days



## Brief itinerary

Day	Itinerary Description	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 2	Sightseeing of Hanoi	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 3	Hanoi – Pu Luong - Nature's Embrace	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant
Day 4	Puluong Discovery - Captivating Trekking Routes	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant
Day 5	Puluong – Village life and the community	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant
Day 6	Ninh Binh Discovery – Hanoi	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Day	Itinerary Description	Meals
Day 7	Hanoi – Halong Bay	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant
Day 8	Halong Bay – Return to Hanoi Airport	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival



As you disembark at Noi Bai International Airport, the gateway to Vietnam, our friendly guide will be there to extend a warm and gracious welcome. Look out for the distinctive Asia Tour Advisor logo, bearing your name – your signpost to a seamless arrival experience. Our mission is to ensure your comfort from the very first moment. We'll whisk you away to your hotel while providing an initial glimpse into the captivating city of Hanoi. Once you arrive, the rest of the day is yours to settle in, relax, and embark on your explorations.

Hanoi, Vietnam's illustrious capital, is home to seven million residents. This city, steeped in tradition and graced with French colonial architecture, boasts tree-lined boulevards, serene lakes, and the bustling charm of the Old Quarter. Hanoi exudes sophistication, where locals gather by the lakeside to practice Tai Chi, and where barbers and street vendors bring life to the sidewalk.



Please note that the standard check-in time is from 14:00, with the possibility of early check-in subject to room availability.

**Meals:** None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## Day 2: Sightseeing of Hanoi



Fuel up with a hearty breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a captivating journey into the heart of Vietnam's capital city. Hanoi, with a history spanning over 1,000 years, holds within its ancient walls a treasure trove of cultural and historical wonders.

Your day will be dedicated to exploring iconic sites, commencing with the imposing Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where the revered "Uncle Ho" rests in eternal peace. The delicate One Pillar Pagoda, the venerable Tran Quoc Temple, and the grandeur of the Quan Thanh Pagoda await your discovery.

After a delectable lunch, you can choose to visit the Temple of Literature, where ancient Vietnamese relics come to life. Alternatively, delve into the poignant history of Hoa Lo Prison or immerse yourself in the realms of art, women, or history at one of Hanoi's exceptional museums. Your day culminates with a mesmerizing performance at the Water Puppet Theater – a unique and enchanting cultural tradition that hails from the northern reaches of Vietnam.

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

**Accommodation:**



### Day 3: Hanoi – Pu Luong - Nature's Embrace



#### Hanoi – Pu Luong - Nature's Embrace

**Morning:** The day begins with a scenic journey, traversing a breathtaking mountain pass that rewards you with a panoramic vista of the entire valley. Your destination is your accommodation in Pu Luong, where a delectable lunch awaits. Afterward, savor the freedom to explore this exquisite retreat, replete with captivating panoramic views and a serene ambiance.

**Afternoon:** Your adventure continues with a transfer to a location approximately 12 km from the retreat. Here, you commence a picturesque walk, leading to a suspension bridge spanning the Cham River. As you follow the course of the river, the landscape unfolds before your eyes. Rice fields and quaint villages stretch out, revealing stunning water wheels. Get up close to these ingenious devices, marveling at how they channel river water through handcrafted bamboo aqueducts of various sizes.

Your journey takes you to Chieng Lau village, a perfect spot for a tranquil rest amidst streamside scenery. Afterward, make your way back to the main road, where transportation awaits to transfer you back to the Pu Luong Retreat, just in time for a flavorsome dinner.

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

**Accommodation:**



### Day 4: Puluong Discovery - Captivating Trekking Routes





**Morning:** Rise with the sun to embark on an early descent into the enchanting valley, with the retreat as your backdrop. Traverse meandering paths enveloped in lush vegetation, passing by tumbling rice terraces and arriving at a picturesque village nestled beneath a towering mountain. Your camera will find no respite amid such captivating vistas.

**Afternoon:** Continuing your journey, you'll weave your way through a tapestry of roads, farmland, villages, wild fields, ponds, rivers, and open lands. As you traverse this ever-changing tableau, cherish the dynamic scenery as you trek to a scenic spot, where you'll indulge in a simple picnic lunch.

Following your satisfying meal, you'll have leisure time to explore the refreshing waters of a nearby river. Later, return to the designated pick-up point for a transfer back to the Pu Luong Retreat.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Pu Luong Retreat

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

**Accommodation:**



## Day 5: Puluong – Village life and the community



**Morning:** Today offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the rhythms of village life and connect with the locals residing in the hills above the retreat. Gain a glimpse into their daily lives as you wander through working farmlands and rice fields. Witness the art of

crafting vibrant textiles and engage in the process. Your exploration culminates with a delightful lunch at the Lodge.

**Afternoon:** Bid adieu to the Lodge as you depart Pu Luong, heading back to Hanoi. Upon your arrival in Hanoi, check-in at your hotel, where relaxation beckons.

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

**Accommodation:**



## Day 6: Ninh Binh Discovery – Hanoi



**After breakfast**, our dedicated tour guide will accompany you to Tam Coc. Here, you'll board a sampan to meander along the Ngo Dong River, embarking on an adventure that unveils three magnificent caves.

For those seeking an extra thrill, an optional biking excursion is available (with a surcharge of approximately USD 5 per bike).

At noon, you'll indulge in a delectable lunch, recharging for the adventures yet to come.

Your journey continues to the ancient capital of Vietnam, Hoa Lu. Delve into history as you visit the Ding King Temple and the Le King Temple, both dating back to the 10th century. These hallowed grounds tell the heroic tales of these kings during the Chinese Wars.

Next, you'll venture to Mua Cave, a place steeped in fascinating stories. Climb 500 stone steps to reach its summit, where a breathtaking panoramic view of the countryside and Ngo Dong River awaits, stretching out as far as Tam Coc.



As the day unfolds, you'll be transported back to Hanoi, where you can savor some free time at your leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

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

**Accommodation:**



## Day 7: Hanoi – Halong Bay



Our day commences with your hotel pick-up, setting the stage for a journey through the lush landscapes of the Red River Delta. Our destination is the renowned UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay. Here, you'll embark on a luxurious junk ship for an overnight cruise, an experience that promises both relaxation and awe.

As you unwind on board, you'll be entranced by the extraordinary limestone karsts that majestically rise from the sea, and the thousands of lush, jungle-covered islands that appear to float upon the tranquil waves of the Gulf of Tonkin. These turquoise waters conceal hidden grottoes and ancient caves, conjuring a timeless and enchanting world.

A sumptuous seafood lunch is served as you revel in the mesmerizing views, all while holding a drink in hand. Your voyage leads to a traditional fishing village, where resourceful locals have ingeniously created an entire town upon their boat decks. Explore the wonders of Tien Ong Cave, a natural marvel, before returning to the cruise for an evening of

cocktails, canapés, and a breathtaking sunset. Your day concludes with a romantic candlelit dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Overnight on cruise

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

**Accommodation:**



## Day 8: Halong Bay – Return to Hanoi Airport



The day commences with a Tai Chi class on deck amidst the early morning mist, or, if you prefer, simply relish the serene beauty as the sun rises over the azure waters. A choice awaits you: embark on an excursion to a secluded island, graced with a sandy beach ideal for a refreshing swim, or join the ship's chef for a culinary demonstration to delve deeper into the art of Vietnamese cuisine.

As you savor a leisurely brunch, your junk gracefully cruises through Halong Bay, passing by enchanting islets and mystical caves on the return journey to the dock.

Upon disembarking, your driver will be on hand to greet you, seamlessly transporting you to Noi Bai Airport for your evening flight home. (Alternatively, should your flight be scheduled for early the following day, we offer the option of returning to Hanoi, which includes an additional night's stay at a Hanoi hotel.)

As your journey with Asia Tour Advisor concludes, we extend our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with your travel experience. We eagerly await the opportunity to serve you on



your next adventure.

### **Farewell and Future Adventures:**

As you conclude your remarkable journey, we bid you farewell with gratitude for traveling with Asia Tour Advisor. Remember, should the above itinerary not fully meet your expectations, we specialize in crafting customized trips tailored to your unique preferences. Explore more of our remarkable country through our diverse range of Vietnam tours.

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

**Accommodation:**

# Booking Policy

## What's Included

- ✓ Hotel accommodation in shared twin or shared double room with daily breakfast.
- ✓ Tours and transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- ✓ English speaking local guide
- ✓ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- ✓ Board a junk and take to the stunning turquoise waters of Halong Bay on a three day cruise (joining cruise)
- ✓ Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Cold water and towel during tours

## What's Excluded

- ✗ Visa stamp fee
- ✗ Domestic flights: Hanoi – Danang; Hue-Ho Chi Minh by Vietnam Airline with Economy Class
- ✗ International flight arrival and departure
- ✗ Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- ✗ Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide

## 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 years old): FOC except domestic ticket cost
- 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

## Why us

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Best Customer Values	Price Beat Guarantee
100% Customer Satisfaction	100% Money Back Guarantee
Save up to 50%	Unique Tailor-made Tours