

Best of Northern Vietnam 7 Days



Brief itinerary

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Day 7	Halong Bay – Return to Hanoi Airport	Halong Bay

Detailed Itinerary



Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi



As you step off the plane at Noi Bai International Airport, our warm-hearted guide will be there to greet you at the baggage claim area. Look for the sign adorned with our distinctive Asia Tour Advisor logo and your name. We'll take care of your comfortable transfer to your hotel while providing an introduction to the city en route. The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, unwind, and explore at your leisure.

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, is a haven for seven million people. Immerse yourself in its traditional elegance, featuring French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, picturesque lakes, and the vibrant Old Quarter. Observe locals practicing Tai Chi by the lake, and savor the sights and sounds of barbers and food vendors conducting their sidewalk trade.

Meals: None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 2: Hanoi Sightseeing



Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, followed by a pickup from your local tour guide. Hanoi, with over 1,000 years of history, offers a treasure trove of cultural and historical sites to explore. You'll visit the imposing Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the resting place of "Uncle Ho," the delicate One Pillar Pagoda, Tran Quoc Temple, and the Quan Thanh Pagoda.

After a satisfying lunch, you can choose to explore the Temple of Literature, where ancient Vietnamese relics await your discovery. Alternatively, you may opt to visit Hoa Lo Prison or the Art/Women/History Museum before experiencing the charm of Railway Street. Your day culminates with a unique cultural performance at the water puppet theater, a captivating tradition from northern Vietnam.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 3: Hanoi – Pu Luong - Village Life and Water Wheels Walk



Morning: Your journey into Pu Luong Nature Reserve begins with a picturesque road trip through a breathtaking mountain pass, offering panoramic views of the entire valley. You'll arrive at your accommodation in time for a delectable lunch, followed by leisure time to explore the retreat's stunning surroundings with captivating panoramic vistas and a serene ambiance.

Afternoon: A transfer takes you to a location approximately 12 km from the retreat, where your enchanting walk begins. You'll cross a suspension bridge over the Cham River and then follow the river's course, with the landscape unfolding before your eyes. Wander from village to village, uncovering remarkable water wheels that play a vital role in moving water from the river through handcrafted bamboo aqueducts, using ingenious constructions of all sizes.

Your journey leads to Chieng Lau village, where you can take a moment to relax and relish the tranquil streamside scenery. Afterward, you'll walk to the main road and be transferred back to Pu Luong Retreat for a delightful dinner.

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

Accommodation: Pu Luong hotels



Day 4: Pu Luong - Village Life and Community Interaction



Morning: Embrace the opportunity to immerse yourself in village life as you interact with locals residing in the hills above the retreat. Gain insights into daily life, stroll amidst working farmland and rice fields, and discover the art of crafting colorful textiles. Lunch will be served at the Lodge.

Afternoon: Bid farewell to Pu Luong and set out for Ninh Binh. Upon your arrival, check into your hotel and unwind.

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

Accommodation: Pu Luong hotels



Day 5: Ninh Binh Exploration – Return to Hanoi



Delve deeper into Vietnam's past with a day visit to picturesque Ninh Binh. Explore ancient sites as well as a relaxing sampan cruise through **'Halong Bay on Land'**.

Begin your day with a delectable breakfast at the hotel. We'll depart from Hanoi to **Hoa Lu - Tam Coc**, where you'll be treated to captivating rural scenery along the way.

Join the guide for an in-depth exploration of the ruins of **Vietnam's first capital**. Learn about the Dinh (968-980) and Le (980-1009) Dynasties and about the history of the site. See ancient tombs and the ruins of the once-imposing Citadel.

For those feeling adventurous and fit, there's an option to embark on a half-hour trek up one of the nearby limestone karst hills, providing a rewarding panoramic view. Afterward, we'll journey to Tam Coc, located about 10 kilometers from Hoa Lu, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch, you'll experience the enchanting Tam Coc by boarding a bamboo boat rowed by local experts along the Hoang Long River. Explore the mystical "Three Caves," which provide a refreshing break from the sun. The journey takes approximately two hours, offering glimpses of local fishermen, riverside village life, and the iconic limestone karst formations.

For the more adventurous, you can climb to **Bich Dong Pagoda**, nestled on **Ngũ Nhạc Mountain** and dating back to 1428. Comprising three structures (Ha, Trung, and Thuong Pagodas), the pagoda's ascent offers breathtaking views. Return by sampan to Tam Coc town before heading back to Hanoi, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon.

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

Accommodation: Ninh Binh 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/Dinner at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels



Day 7: Halong Bay – Return to Hanoi Airport



Begin your day with a Tai Chi class on deck, set against the early morning mist, or simply savor the beauty of the sunrise over the azure waters. Choose between an excursion to a secluded island with a sandy beach for a refreshing swim or join the chef for a cooking demonstration to delve deeper into Vietnamese cuisine. As your junk gracefully cruises through Halong Bay, passing islets and caves, enjoy a leisurely brunch.

Upon disembarkation, your driver will meet you and transfer you to Noi Bai Airport for your evening flight home. Alternatively, we can return you to Hanoi if your flight is scheduled for the following day, with an additional night at a Hanoi hotel. This concludes your memorable tour with Asia Tour Advisor. Thank you for traveling with us, and we look forward to welcoming you again in the future!

Meals: Breakfast (Brunch)

[Note: Please ensure your flight time aligns with your departure arrangements, and allow sufficient time for airport procedures.]

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

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels

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

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