

# Hanoi – Mai Chau – Halong 5 Day



## Brief itinerary

Day	Itinerary Description	Overnight
Day 1	Hanoi arrive	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi - Mai Chau Tour	Mai Chau
Day 3	Mai Chau Tour - Hanoi Street food	Mai Chau
Day 4	Hanoi – Halong bay	Halong Bay
Day 5	Halong Bay Tour – Departure	Halong Bay

## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 1: Hanoi arrive



Arriving at Noi Bai airport in Hanoi, you will be welcomed by the driver of **AsiaTourAdvisor.com** and transferred to Hanoi City, the capital city of Vietnam, is an elegant city located on the banks of the **Red River** with tranquil **Restored Sword Lake** at its heart. Transfer to hotel in the city center to refresh. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi City.

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

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels



## Day 2: Hanoi - Mai Chau Tour





Depart Hanoi early morning for approximately **4 hour drive to Mai Chau** located about 150 km southwest of Hanoi. Just an hour beyond Hanoi, after Hoa Binh Town, the road weaves through mountains, fertile valleys and traditional villages.

Arrive in the picturesque **Mai Chau Valley** surrounded by spectacular karst rock formations and rice paddies. After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring the idyllic natural surroundings and visit the house of the local people.

This evening enjoy a traditional **Thai** performance of music and dance. The Thai ethnic group has inhabited this area for centuries and much of their lifestyle and traditions have remained unchanged over the years.

Stay overnight in a traditional stilt-house\* of the Thai people, an incredibly enriching experience in which you can learn about this fascinating culture first hand. (**The home stay** accommodation consists of comfortable curtained-off sleeping areas in one long room; all bedding and mosquito nets are provided).

***What's included:*** Private car transfer, English speaking guide, lunch, dinner, entrance fees, homestay.

With '**Homestay**' experience, your overnight accommodation is provided by a local family in their traditional house-on-silts. There are some private rooms on the first floor for private tour and you will have toilet or bathroom sharing. The sleeping corner is set up with a single mattress (thin, but adequate), blankets (ditto), pillow and mosquito net. The restroom is at standard and a few steps from the main house.

**Meals:** Breakfast at hotel, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Mai Chau hotels



### Day 3: Mai Chau Tour - Hanoi Street food



Start this morning with a light trek or **walk 2- 4 hours** through one or some other villages in the Mai Chau Valley. You will have a good chance to visit **Chieu cave**. To get to Chieu Cave you must climb a staggering **1,200 stone steps**, but once you arrive at its mouth you will be glad you made the effort. Filled with impressive stone structures, “**Hang Chiề**u” is like the land before time. “Chiều”, meaning ‘afternoon’, is a name given to the cave by local people, because it is made even more magnificent in the afternoon when the sun fills the cave with sparkling jewels of reflected light. **After lunch in Mai Chau**, begin the journey back to Hanoi. Along the way, be sure to have your camera ready for when you reach the top of the **Mai Chau Valley**, the views are superb. Continue the drive and reach Hanoi late this afternoon. You will check in your hotel and have shower before we start our street food tour. Firstly our tour guide will take you to **enjoy Hanoi excursion** then show you the most special things in this hustle – bustle city, the busy daily life activities, the typical architecture as well as tell you the interesting histories about this old town. By this manner, your group and tour guide can walk over most famous streets in **Hanoi Old Quarter**.

While walking around Hanoi Old Quarter, we do stop at uncountable numbers of restaurants/ food stalls to try **Vietnamese food and drink**. Those are really well-known and most popular for **Hanoi and tourist**. Our Hanoi Food Tasting tour team always do all possibilities to point out as special Vietnamese dishes as possible. Those are the



restaurants/ food stands that maybe you will dare to enter as tourist. Our guide will introduce to you the recipe and main ingredients, the historical backgrounds of each dish while tasting them.

**By our years of experience**, we believe that this is really a great opportunity that you could allow yourself to experience fantastic local specialty flavors. The street food tour finish at your hotel and you will have free time in Hanoi.

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

**Accommodation:** Mai Chau hotels



#### **Day 4: Hanoi – Halong bay**



We'll pick you up in Hanoi by 8:00am and drive through the verdant **Red River Delta** to make our way to the famous **UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay**. You'll board a luxury junk ship for an overnight cruise-- while you relax on-board you can marvel at the incredible limestone karsts that jut out of the sea and the thousands of jungle-covered islands that seem to float on the waves. The turquoise waters of the **Gulf of Tonkin** swirl around hidden grottoes and ancient caves to create an enchanting, timeless world. We'll serve you a fresh seafood lunch while you sit back and relax as you enjoy the incredible view with a drink in your hand. We'll take you to a traditional fishing village where the locals have created an entire town on the decks of their boats, then you can explore **Tien Ong Cave** before returning to the cruise for cocktails, canapés, and a spectacular sunset. End your day with a **romantic, candlelit dinner**.

**Meals:** Breakfast at hotel, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay hotels



### Day 5: Halong Bay Tour – Departure



Begin the day with a **Tai Chi class** on deck in the early morning mist or just admire the beautiful scenery as the sun rises over the azure waters. Choose between an excursion to a secluded island with a sandy beach for a swim or join the chef for a cooking demonstration to learn more about Vietnamese cuisine. Enjoy a leisurely brunch while your junk cruises **Halong Bay**, passing islets and caves as you make your way back to the dock.

Your driver will meet you when you disembark and transfer you to **your hotel in Hanoi**. Our driver will pick you up from your hotel by private car on your arrival from Halong bay then transfer to the Noi Bai airport for your flight to next destination. Finish unforgettable Sapa and Halong bay Tour with TrekkingSapa. Good bye & see you in the next time! TrekkingSapa can arrange additional customized trips for you if the above itinerary does not match your expectations.

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

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay hotels

# Booking Policy

## What's Included

- Private van/car for airport pick up
- Local English speaking guide
- Shuttle bus with group for Halong bay tour
- Kayaking
- Double/twin room at accommodation
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Express bus from Sapa to Hanoi with A/c
- Homestay in Sapa
- Transportation in Sapa
- All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary
- Bottled water & cold towels on sightseeing days
- Boat trip as mentioned in the itinerary

## What's Excluded

- Vietnam Visa Stamp fee
- Other meals and drinks at meals
- Hotel early check in /Late check out
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Tips & gratuities
- Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide
- Possible Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24& 31 December
- Other services not listed in inclusive column

### **What to bring:**

- Camera + Film
- Sun block
- Insect repellent
- Original Passport
- A wide brimmed hat
- Swimming costume
- Sun glasses

## 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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