

Amazing Trip Of Northern Vietnam

9 Days 8 Nights From $1,590 per person twin share

- → Availability until : 30 Sep 2027
- → Accommodation 3 ⭐ Hotels (4 - 5 ⭐ Hotel Options Available)

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival – Hanoi
Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (By Bus)
Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu – Trang An (By Bus)
Day 4: Hanoi – Transfer to Sapa – Lao Chai – Ta Van Villages (By Train)
Day 5: Sapa – Fansipan MT – Sapa (By Bus)
Day 6: Sapa – Ethnic market – transfer back to Hanoi (By Train)
Day 7: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Overnight on cruise) (By Bus & Cruise)
Day 8: Halong Bay – Hanoi (By Bus)
Day 9: Hanoi – Departure

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi - Arrival (No Meal)

Upon arrival at Noi Bai airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Then you are free.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Meal included: No Meal.

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Day 2: Hanoi - City Tour (Breakfast)



Today we spent a full day city tour starting with the Ho Chi Minh Complex, containing the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh, the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. Close to this site is the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origin dates. back to the foundation of Hanoi a thousand years ago.

Your tour of Hanoi continues with a trip to the remarkable Temple of Literature, well known as Vietnam's first university. After lunch, you'll enjoy the always impressive Ethnology Museum dedicated to Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups. You'll then continue to the peaceful lake of Hoan Kiem.

In front of this lake is the famous Water Puppet Theatre where you'll see a fantastic performance. Overnight in Hanoi.

Remarks:

- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and his Museum are closed on Monday, Friday, and the whole months of Oct/Nov
- Ho Chi Minh House and all Museums are closed on Monday.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Hoa Lu - Trang An (Breakfast / Lunch)

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08:00 – Our guide will meet you at your hotel/stay and start a 110km modern Bus-journey through the verdant landscape of the countryside. Short brake en route.
10:45 – Visiting Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel with Dinh King Temple and Le King Temple dating back to the 17th Century.
12:00 – Enjoying the lunch at our restaurant with the great local cuisines.
13:30 – Leaving for the Trang an Grottoes, an out-standing natural beauty of majestic limestone massif at 20 square kilometers rises dramatically out from rice paddy fields. Deep into the linked chains of towering mountains are pristine places of mystical valleys, numerous freshwater ponds, and jungle.
Embarking on a traditional sampan gently rowed down the exquisite river through numerous caves: Lam Cave, Vang Cave, Dai Cave, Thanh Truot Cave…and Cao Sơn Temple, Suoi Tien Temple, Vu Lam Temple…
15:30 – Arriving at Mua Cave and starting an amazing trek up to the top of Ngoa Long Mountain to watch the spectacular rice valley with a specious view of nature.
17:15 – Return to our bus and then come back to Ha Noi for your leisure.

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Day 4: Hanoi - Sapa (by Highway) - Lao Chai - Ta Van Village (Breakfast)



After breakfast at the hotel, this morning transfer to Sapa by the new highway road which takes around 6 hours with a short break on the way.

Upon arrival enjoy Lunch at local restaurant (own expense)

This afternoon, take a light trek to the hill tribe villages of Lao Chai, Ta Van. Walking to the villages nestled in the valley below Sapa, you meet some of the local ethnic minority people on their way to and from Sapa. These minority people, including the Red Zao, Hmong and Tay people, walk to Sapa to trade at the markets.

Free the rest of the day

Overnight in Sapa.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

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Day 5: Sapa - Fansipan MT - Sapa (Breakfast)



Breakfast at a hotel.

This morning, we will start with our Fansipan Mountain Trip:
Our tour guide will walk together with you to Sun Plaza Station (300m from Sapa Highland Resort & Spa) then get Mountain Train via Muong Hoa Valley to reach the Fansipan Cable Car Station. From there, we will take a cable car to Fansipan Mountain and conquer the highest mountain in Indochina with the height of 3,143m above sea level. The cable car system is one of the longest in the world 6,292m. Enjoy the panorama view from top, take your time to explore the place, and visit pagodas, temples and coffee shops.

Next, we will take a funicular train (one way) to the summit of Fansipan Mountain.

Note: Summit to cable car station, we will have to walk down as funicular train is for elderly or pregnant women

Free the rest of the day

Overnight in Sapa.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

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Day 6: Sapa - Ethnic Market - back to Hanoi (by Highway) (Breakfast)



Breakfast at hotel this morning

Early this morning, we will spend this day visiting one of the ethnic markets before transferring back to Hanoi. Ethnic market will be held as below:

Coc Ly Tuesday Market:
It takes about 2 hours by car from Sapa to Coc Ly Market. It is the colorful market in a mountainous area where the Flower H'mong mainly gathers to exchange their homemade products. After visiting the market, we go on a boat on the Chay River with beautiful mountains on both sides. On the way we will have a short trek to Trung Do village (Tay). This is a unique opportunity for you to see the traditional lifestyle of tribal minorities and their costumes and handicrafts.

Cao Son Wednesday Market:
This morning, we transferred to Cao Son Market. On the way there you will explore beautiful landscapes with pineapple and tea farms, rice terrace fields …the special landscape is the same as Ha Long Bay on the land there. Arrive to market you see many colorful ethnic people Hmong, Dao, Tay, Nung, Ha Nhi…, they are very friendly and like you take a picture from them, then you can drink some corn wine and eat some local food with them, after that visiting the flower Hmong village to explore the basic life of Hmong people…

After lunch (own expense) we continued a short walk to Trung Do village of Tay ethnic people.

Lung Khau Nhin Thursday market:
Lung Khau Nhin is held on Thursday. You will enjoy beautiful scenery along the road until you arrive in Muong Khuong. From there, you turn into a dirt road, which goes up in the mountains. Pine trees, forests and villages surround the tiny market. Flower Hmong, Tu Di, Tay and Giay ethnic minorities come to buy and sell local

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products such as food and material for agriculture and fabric. After exploring the market, your car will take you heading to Cao Son – the most stunning part of Lao Cai province. You will then be able to visit the most secluded peaceful village – Tin Thang – and have an opportunity to see people still distill the wine from corn, making bacon in the most basic way and offering special corn cake to anyone who drops by their house.

Can Cau Saturday market:
This is a colorful market situated in a small village in the mountains. You will see several different minority groups here but mainly the Flower H'mong people. The local people come here to buy and sell clothes, vegetables, meat, and cattle. We will have a short trek to Ban Pho village (Flower H'Mong).

Bac Ha Sunday market:
This is the largest market in the region, a place where many ethnic groups gather to buy and sell, eat and drink together. There are 10 minority groups in the Bac Ha region. You can buy homemade handicrafts and clothes. We will have a short trek to Ban Pho village (Flower H'Mong people). In the village we can have a look in their house and understand a little more about their lifestyle and traditional customs. We can especially try homemade wine from corn.

Return to Hanoi by road which takes you another 6 hours.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

Day 7: Hanoi - Halong Bay - Overnight on Cruise (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)



Breakfast at hotel

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Today we headed to Halong Bay!

Around 08:00 AM you will be picked from the hotel to Halong.

Breakfast at hotel, pick-up at and start the scenic drive to Halong Bay. Enjoy the landscape of the countryside and a short break on the way. Embark on the cruise followed by a short cruise briefing. Savour a delectable lunch as you cruise among the limestone islands. Take a small sampan among the hidden bays around the Luon Cave. Cruise to Ti Top Island, go swimming or relaxing at the beach or climb up to the top of the island for a panorama view of Halong Bay. Enjoy the sunset with dinner. After dinner, fish for squid or just laze around.

Overnight on cruise in Halong Bay.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel. Lunch & Dinner on cruise.

Day 8: Halong Bay - Hanoi (Breakfast / Brunch)



Start your day with Tai Chi class and breakfast at sunrise. Explore the amazing Sung Sot Cave – the nicest cave in Halong Bay. Continue your cruise exploring Ba Hang fishing village, Dog Islet and more. While heading back to the harbour, watch the cooking demonstration before enjoying a traditional Vietnamese lunch.

Check out the cruise, then our tour guide will pick up & take a transfer to your hotel in Halong bay.

Free at leisure in Halong Bay

Overnight in Halong City.

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Note: detail itinerary of cruise will be mentioned detail when the tour is confirmed
The program is subject to change basing on weather condition or administrator management

Meal included: Breakfast & Brunch on cruise.

Day 9: Hanoi - Departure
Depending on your departure time there is some free time to relax or further explore Hanoi on your own before a transfer to Hanoi airport you're your departure flight. The trip ends at the airport.

Meal included: Breakfast at hotel.

Tour Prices & Hotels

Table 1: Seat In Coach Tours in Hanoi City Tour, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay by Shuttle Bus and Private Tours in Other Cities:

Seat-In-Coach, we often call it "SIC" for short. It means that you will share the seats in a coach with other tourists.

Group size (Min.2 person)	Standard Class (3*)	Superior Class (4*)	Deluxe Class (5*)
Price per person	**$ 1,590**	**$ 1,790**	**$ 2,190**
Single supplement	**$ 490**	**$ 590**	**$ 990**

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Table 2: Private Tours For The Whole Itinerary

Group size (Min.2 person)	Standard Class (3*)	Superior Class (4*)	Deluxe Class (5*)
Price per person	**$ 1,890**	**$ 2,090**	**$ 2,490**
Single supplement	**$ 490**	**$ 590**	**$ 990**

List of Hotels (or Similar)

Standard Class (3*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	**Chalcedony**	**Deluxe City View**
Halong Bay	**Garden Bay Cruise**	**Deluxe**
Sapa	**Hotel De Sapa**	**Deluxe**

Superior Class (4*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	**The Q hotel**	**Deluxe**
Halong Bay	**Calypso Cruise**	**Deluxe**
Sapa	**Amazing Sapa**	**Superior**

Deluxe Class (5*)

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City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	**Pan Pacific**	**Deluxe**
Halong Bay	**La Regina Grand**	**Deluxe**
Sapa	**Silk Path Grand Sapa Resort**	**Classic Garden**

Tour Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Complimentary Mobifone eSIM: 8GB 5G Data (24 Hour) + 10 Min Local Call Upon Arrival in Vietnam.
- 2 Days 1 Night on shared Cruise (shared cabin on shared boat)
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in itinerary (Vietnamese local cuisine).
    - Daily breakfast at the hotel.
    - 1 light breakfast, 1 lunch, 1 dinner & 1 brunch on cruise in Halong Bay.
    - 01 Lunch at local restaurant.
- 02 bottles of mineral water/ person/ day on bus on days of transfer and sightseeing
- Local English-speaking guides:
    - Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Sapa – Halong: 1 guide
- All transfers and transportation with air-con vehicles (types of vehicles depending on the number of pax)
    - 1 – 2 pax: 07 car seats
    - 3 – 7 pax: van of 16 seats
    - 8 – 12 pax: coach of 25 – 29 seats
    - 13 – 15 pax: coach of 30 – 35 seats
- All entrance fees as program.

Exclusion

- International airfares to/from Australia: contact VNH team for best quote.
- Book a multi-city ticket with Vietnam Airlines, your connections are protected and get 02 complimentary domestic airfares.
- Need domestic Australia/ New Zealand connecting flights to join Vietnam Tours? Let us handle in “one booking” with special ADD ON fares and convenience.
- Visa to Vietnam (Clients can click here to apply E-visa online or contact VN Holidays team to help with service fee.)
- Optional tours

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- Surcharges for other language guides
- Surcharges for Lunar New Year (TET) holiday
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Meals and services other than mentioned in the program.
- Drinks with meals
- Compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking.
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the program

Other Information

Changes

- The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels, and operating conditions.
- Programmers, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.

Special requests

- Your special requests (diet, vegetarian,…) should be sent before your departure date.

VN Holidays' Responsibility

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- VN Holidays is not responsible for any loss or theft, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmers.
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