

8D7N Hanoi Sightseeing, Ha Long Bay, Ninh Binh and Sapa Trekking

Day 01:

Hanoi – Airport pick up

- Pick up the flight (Arrival 17h25) to Hanoi then transfer to hotel
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in the old quarters

Services:

A private van 16 seats, tour guide and Gold Spring hotel (www.goldspringhotel.com.vn) or similar + meal (D)

Day 02:

Hanoi city tour

In the morning

- 7h30. the van takes you to the complex of Ho Chi Minh comprising Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, museum and stilt house and one Pillar pagoda
- Visit Vietnam Ethnology museum where you can see 54 different minorities of Vietnam with their typical custom and clothes, working materials
- Visit the Temple of Literature – the place of the first University and temple for Confucius in Vietnam.
- Back to the old quarters for lunch

In the afternoon

- Visit Bat Trang ceramic handicraft village
- Take one hour on 3 wheels –cyclo bike throughout the old quarters, commercial streets, visit the old houses of Hanoi, old town, French villas areas....
- 17h00 enjoy the very nice show of water puppet, this will show you lots of Vietnamese traditional customs and cultures.
- Free time at night. Overnight at the hotel

Included services:

A private van, tour guide, entrance fees and hotel + meal (B+ L)

Day 03:

Hanoi – Kenh Ga Floating Village - Hoa Lu Ancient capital – Tam Coc

- In the morning at 7.00 am, pick up at hotel. 2 hours driving from Hanoi to Ninh Binh province to visit Kenh Ga Floating Village.
- Take a boat trip alongside the river to see farmers' water life and their floating fish-breeding cages, harvesting river grass to feed the fish, trawling in the muddy shallows for shellfish...
- On the way touring around you can call on to see and take a physical therapy bath at the hot spring.

- After the boat trip in Kenh Ga desert, we continue driving to Tam Coc throughout rural villages. On the way we will stop to visit Hoa Lu - the 1000 years old capital of Viet Nam where you will see two temples build in the early 11th century after the capital of great Viet Nam was moved to Hanoi since the year of 1010. Visit the temple of Dinh and Le King who helped Vietnamese escape from Chinese domination of 1000 years.
- Afterwards, drive throughout tranquil rural villages to Tam Coc for lunch.
- After lunch, take rowing boats along the canal to enjoy the scenery of Tam Coc known to travelers as Viet Nam's Ha Long bay on the land. Tam Coc has three tunnel grottoes: Hang Ca 127 m long, Hang Hai 70 m long and the smallest is Hang Cuoi at only 40 m long. After that, just two km driving to Bich Dong (Jade cave) where you climb to see the bottom, the middle, the top pagoda, enjoy mountain views
- Dinner and Overnight in Tam Coc.

Included services:

A private van, boat trip, tour guide, entrance fees and hotel + meal (B+ L)

Day 04:

Tam Coc – Ha Long bay – Overnight on Board

In the morning

- Approximate 08h15 pick up at your hotel for a 3-hrs drive to Ha Long boat station.
- 12h00 Welcome on Board then enjoy a seafood lunch (possible for vegetarian food)

In the afternoon

- Visit the nicest largest cave of the bay called Hang Sung Sot (Surprising cave).
- Start kayaking to get in untouched lanes, close views to shaped limestone mountains especially to encounter Floating fishing villages and Tunnel grottoes.
- Relax on Ti Top beach or climb up its top for a universal view of the jewel bay.
- Anchor among Bai Tu Long bay, Ha Long bay and Lan Ha bay for dinner and a lovely peaceful night.

Inclusive services:

A private van and boat, tour guide, kayak, entrance fee, meals(B+ L + D)

Day 05:

Ha Long – Hanoi - Sapa

In the morning

- Enjoying the dawn covering the jewel bay meanwhile having breakfast.
- Continue boating to Lan Ha bay for different views of limestone forest and tunnel grottoes. Stop for swimming.

- Cruise back to Ha Long by another way that will lead you through its fabulous different scenery, visit the frog stone, the fighting cocks stone... and fishing village. (Flexibly depend on the tide)

In the afternoon

- 11h30 check out, transfer to the restaurant for the farewell lunch of the trip
- 13h00 drive Back to Hanoi
- 16h40 – Arrival, free time
- 21h00 transfer to Hanoi station for the night train to Sapa at 22h00

Inclusive services:

A private van and boat, tour guide, hotel meals (B + L)

Day 06:

Sa Pa trekking – Lao Chai – Ta Van – Giang Ta Chai village

- 06h00 you will arrive at the last arrival station – Lao Cai station. Our tour guide will pick you up and drive to Sapa for a shower breakfast
- Trek down to YinhHo then Lao Chai village of the black H'mong people.
- After a picnic lunch, continue trekking to Ta Van village, visit the Dzay's families and Giang Ta Chai village of the red Dzao minority
- Visit and stay overnight in a red Dzao family close to a beautiful waterfall among hills and rain forest
- With your tour guide and the house owners, we will set up a temporary cooking class to learn how to cook Vietnamese food for dinner.
- Finally join each other for dinner and get to know local typical traditional customs, cultural features...

Inclusive services:

Transfer, tour guide, home-stay permit and meals (B + L + D)

Day 07:

Giang Ta Chai - Su Pan - Ban Ho - Sa Pa – Hanoi

- In the early morning you will be sure to be woken up by the households but lucky to see how is their daily life for a new day coming
- Enjoy some pancakes made by your tour guide's skillful hands
- Say good bye and start a new trek with more stunning landscapes and other ethnic minority villages dotted as far as your eyes sigh. The trails leading you to Su Pan then Ban Ho village, an imagination of down tower steps with a universal view of the house roofs of the Tay minority isolated in a green valley appearing in front of your eyes will mark you an unforgettable trip.
- Transportation to return you to Sa Pa
- Stroll throughout Sapa old hill station to visit Sapa market, Sapa church and the French colonial ruins
- 18h30 we drive down to Lao Cai station for the night train to Hanoi at 21h15

Inclusive services:

Tour guide, transfer, meals (B + L) and train ticket (same class)

Day 08:

Hanoi Free time

- 05h15 arrival Hanoi, transfer to the office for shower.
- transfer to airport for the flight home

Inclusive services:

A private van