

7DAYS – NORTH WEST ADVENTURE

Vietnam (Ha Noi – Mai Chau – Son La – Dien Bien – Lai Chau – Sapa – Ha Noi)

1. OVERVIEW

The 7 day tour offers a great chance to discover Vietnam's rugged and scenic northwest on the historical trail. Starting from the capital Hanoi to the remote area we can see the life as it's supposed to be. Along the way we encounter dramatic landscapes and sweeping panoramas. Highlights also include visits to the historic battlefield of Dien Bien Phu, the terraced valleys of Sapa, winding passes and many different experiences of colorful minority groups.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1: HANOI – MAI CHAU

DAY 2: MAI CHAU – SON LA

DAY 3: SON LA – DIEN BIEN

Day 4: DIEN BIEN – LAI CHAU

Day 5: LAI CHAU – PHONG THO – SAPA

Day 6: SAPA TREKKING

Day 7: SAPA – HANOI

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HANOI – MAI CHAU

Morning, your guide will meet you at hotel and depart to Mai Chau, the rural district of Hoa Binh province in the northwestern region of Vietnam. Mai Chau is located about 160km from Hanoi. We'll take a short break on the way to enjoy sightseeing and take nice photos if wanted. We arrive at Mai Chau valley after 3 hours and 30 minutes driving. Have a traditional lunch and rest at a stilt house.

Afternoon, we start visit Mai Chau Valley and cycle around Lac Village. Next, we'll come to Poong Cong Village where you can discover authentic rural life of Thai minority. Traditional special food of local people will be served during dinner. You then overnight at homestay

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at stilt house in Mai Chau

DAY 2: MAI CHAU – SON LA

Breakfast at stilt house after that we drive to Son La. Enjoy stunning sceneries along the road and you can stop wherever to take photo. Lunch at a local restaurant en-route

After lunch, we continue driving from Mai Chau to Son La and stop at Moc Chau plateau, the best Vietnam tea growing region. on the way. It is considered as the Da Lat of the North and very attractive to those who love the cool and natural fresh air. Next, we'll visit relics of Son La prison built in 1908 by the French. Dinner at local restaurant and stay overnight at hotel in Son La

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Son La.

DAY 3: SON LA – DIEN BIEN

Breakfast at hotel and we depart for Dien Bien which is a historic destination and used to be a fierce war battlefield.

Today you will drive on more winding & stunning roads, longer passes and see more colorful minority groups. You might tell your guide to stop more often for pictures and spending more time with the villagers to learn about their rich cultures. Lunch at local restaurant

After lunch, the drive to the impressive Pha Din pass will be the highlight of the day. You'll arrive at Dien Bien Phu early in the afternoon. You'll visit Dien Bien Phu museum, A1 hill, the bunker of General De Castries before checking in hotel for overnight. Dinner at local restaurant or hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Dien Bien

DAY 4: DIEN BIEN – LAI CHAU

Have breakfast at Muong Thanh hotel. You will be free at leisure before we start another spectacular drive, passing the stunning gorges and the Nam Na River. There will be stops to visit the H'mong and Dao villages on the way. Arrive in Lai Chau in early afternoon, have lunch at local restaurant and rest of the afternoon is free in Lai Chau town. Dinner and stay overnight in Lai Chau.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Lai Chau.

DAY 5: LAI CHAU – PHONG THO – SAPA

Today we drive along the magnificent scenery of the surrounding fertile valley and high mountains - the photographer's dream. The road is sometimes a bit bumpy but you'll be compensated by the beautiful spot. After 25 miles drive, we reach the ChinCo pass and Tram Son pass, the highest one in Vietnam with the view to Fansipan Peak - the roof of "Indochine". You also stop to visit the beautiful areas of Heaven's Gate and Silver Waterfall.

Sapa is the spectacular valley near the border of China and the premier destination of Northwest Vietnam. Built in 1922, it was the former hill station for the French colonists. Today, Sapa is a paradise for trekkers, thanks to its beautiful trekking routes, colorful minority groups, stunning rice terrace, and the back drop of mountain Fansipan. At 3143 meters or 10,311 feet from sea level, it is Vietnam's highest peak.

You will get Sapa in the afternoon and the rest of the day is free to explore on your own. Dinner and stay overnight at hotel in Sapa.

Note: The colorful Sunday market in Tam Duong is very interesting to see, with lots of colorful ethnic minorities. Today we will visit the Fair market en route. (Twice a week on Thu and Sun)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Sapa

DAY 6: SAPA – LAO CHAI – TA VAN

After breakfast at the hotel, you start the great trekking day downhill to the Muong Hoa valley to visit 3 villages. Today, you have opportunity to visit local school in the village and have picnic lunch by the river. Enjoy the overall pictures of the villages among terraces. After lunch, we continue trek to go Ta Van Village to visit Dzay minority. Your driver then will pick you up at Tan Van Bridge to return Sapa. Dinner at local restaurant

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Sapa.

DAY 7: SAPA – CAT CAT VILLAGE – HANOI

Morning, we explore Cat Cat Village which is occupied by the Black H'mong tribe. Next, we'll walk down the village and enjoy wonderful view of the terraced rice paddy field and waterfall. You also see

the hydroelectric power station which was built by the French in twentieth century. The driver will pick you up again at village and bring you back to Sapa town for lunch. After lunch, you enjoy a private car journey on the new highway back to Hanoi. The driving time is approximately 4 hours. We arrive in Hanoi in the late afternoon, tour ends at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016

All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

| Description | 2 – 3 pax | 4 – 5 pax | 6 - 7pax | 8-9 pax | Single Supp |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------|
| Superior packages | \$ 833 | \$ 662 | \$ 532 | \$ 472 | \$ 115 |

Date: 01May 2015 – 30 September 2016 (PROMOTION RATE)

| Description | 2 pax | 3-4 pax | 5-6 pax | 7-9 pax | Single Supp |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Superior packages | \$ 825 | \$ 654 | \$ 534 | \$ 464 | \$ 115 |

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation at hotel- sharing twin/double room.
- Transportation by private car/ bus with air condition
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for tourist sites
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary
- 02 Mineral water bottle /day/ person

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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5. HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:

| Destination | Superior | Website |
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| Mai Chau | Stilt House | |
| Son La | Cong Doan Son La Hotel | |
| Dien Bien | Muong Thanh Dien Bien Hotel | www.muongthanh.vn |
| Lai Chau | Muong Thanh Lai Chau Hotel | www.muongthanh.vn |
| Sapa | Bamboo Sapa Hotel | www.bamboosapahotel.com.vn |

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
 - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
 - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
 - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve

- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)
- Surcharge for Vietnamese Lunar (TET) New Year from 6 – 14 Feb 2016 - 25% of adult prices

FREE OFFER

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)