

# TOURS ESCAPE FROM HANOI

## **1. OVERVIEW:**

Said to be the Vietnam's heart and soul, Hanoi is actually over one thousand years old. Witnessing the ups and downs of the history, the wealth of the culture and tradition here is undeniable. The charming capital never ceases to amaze its visitors while still keeping its true identity. Ancient pagoda and temples, historical monuments, tree-lined boulevards and lakes, the French architectures, all give the city a definite charm. Do not miss the chance to enjoy a cyclo tour around the Old Quarter, the unique water puppet show or amazing street food. Make sure to visit as many as possible and enjoy every moment you have because they all offer delights, fun, education at different turns.

### **HALF DAY TRADITIONAL VILLAGE TOUR BY CYCLING**

**Tour code:** HAN-H05

**Tour type:** Cultural, Exploration & Responsible

**City:** Hanoi Capital

**Time:** Morning or afternoon (08.30 - 12.30h. or 13.00 - 17.00h)

Please note that our car & guide escorted. You can enjoy cycling whenever or wherever you want

#### **Overview:**

Not far away from Hanoi center are many traditional handicraft villages with specific products that are well-known throughout the country. A visit to these villages will offer you a great way to learn more about Vietnamese rich cultures. With the support of a bike, there are lots of funs waiting you ahead. The choice is really yours.

#### **Itinerary:**

##### **Option 2: Bat Trang villages & Hanoi Outskirts**

We will take you further away from the busy Ha Noi to explore its vicinities. A half day cycling tour to go Bat Trang village offers you the opportunity to witness daily life of local people as well as experience Hanoi's traffic, far from Hanoi about 13km to visit a famous Vietnamese traditional pottery. It was found 500 years ago, produces handicrafts of a unique style with special characteristics with the quality of design, color, sculpture, graphics, modeling and workmanship. The history includes many years of research into forms, models, decorations, both coloration and finish gives you the general experience about the Bat Trang pottery. There are many ceramic shops, but walk around down the lane and behind the shops to find the kilns. The price of products at shops here is very reasonable compared with the boutique in town.

You can change itinerary to visit the following traditional handicraft villages:

- 1) Bat Trang Pottery village (20km)
- 2) Dong Ngac village (10km)
- 3) Van Phuc Silk village (15km)
- 4) Ha Thai Lacquer-ware village (30km) - Program to be advised
- 5) Dong Ho Folk Painting village (50km) - Program to be advised
- 6) Cu Da village - Program to be advised

### Rate is net in USD per person

| Group | 1   | 2  | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-14 | 15+1 |
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| Price | 136 | 74 | 53  | 39  | 31  | 25    | 22    | 21   |

**Included:** Private transportation with English speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/  
Bicycle for cycling tour (drive by yourself)

### HALF DAY THAY & TAY PHUONG PAGODA

**Tour code:** HAN-H

**Tour type:** Cultural & Exploration

**City:** Hanoi Capital

**Time:** Morning or afternoon (08.30 - 12.30h. or 13.00 - 17.00h)

#### **Overview:**

Approximately 30km west of Hanoi, Thay and Tay Phuong pagodas are set amid stunning limestone outcrops loom up from the green paddy fields and clinging to the cliffs. These two sites are about 20 minutes apart from each other by road.

#### **Itinerary:**

You will be picked up at your hotel by private car with an English speaking guide and taken to visit **Thay and Tay Phuong Pagoda**. The driving time is approximately 1 hour from Hanoi. The two pagodas are about 30km west of Hanoi in Ha Tay province and 20 minutes apart from each other by road.

**Thay Pagoda** was built in the 17th century, and is very famous for the 18 statues of La Han coated with lacquer paint. It is dedicated to Thich Ca Buddha and processes a statue of the 12<sup>th</sup> century monk Tu Dao Hanh, the master in whose honour the pagoda is named. To another side is a status of King Ly Nhan Tong, who believed to have been a reincarnation of Tu Dao Hanh.

After that we visit **Tay Phuong Pagoda** which was first built in 18 century but the earliest construction here dates from the 8<sup>th</sup> century. This one is located at the foot of Thay Mountain and has a neat setting and Thay Pagoda. At first, it was a small pagoda managed by Priest Tu Dao Hanh. The pagoda was initially built according to Sino-Vietnamese character Tam - this character is formed by 3 hyphens parallel to each other. Return to your hotel in the afternoon.

**Note:** Please ask our experts about tour to Ba Vi National Park in case you love eco tour and explore to further area.

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| <b>Price</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>10</b> |
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