

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.

HANOI – HOA LU - TAM COC – BICH DONG

Tour code: HAN-
Tour type: Historical & Cultural
City: Hanoi Capital
Time: Full day (Time: 08.00 – 17.30h.)

Overview:

Dig deeper into Vietnam history with this day trip to the picturesque Ninh Binh province south of Hanoi. Discover Hoa Lu – the ancient capital of Vietnam in the 10th and 11th centuries with two temples dedicated to the two great kings. Hop on a sampan sailing down the river to Tam Coc which is often referred to as 'inland Halong Bay' of karst formation outcrop sweeping up from rice paddies. There are options to float down Trang An or biking trip among the breathtaking grottoes and limestone karst mountains.

Itinerary:

Your private guide will pick you up at your hotel in Hanoi downtown and then transfer in a private coach about 100 km South of Hanoi to **Hoa Lu District, Ninh Binh Province**. The driving time is approximately 2 hours.

Arrive in Hoa Lu, discover the first capital of Vietnam, which was founded in the 10th Century by the **Dinh Dynasty** as a stronghold against the Northern invaders and shortly later was inherited by the Le Dynasty. Visit the two old temples one dedicated to **Dinh Tien Hoang**, the only king of the Dinh Dynasty and also Vietnam's first emperor and the other to the succeeding kings of the Le Dynasty. The Ding chose this site to put some distance between them and China. Have lunch at local restaurant with traditional food

Afternoon, start a boating tour of **Tam Coc**, which is also referred to as "an inland Ha Long" for its strikingly similar terrain of rugged rocky mountains rising up from the lush wetland and constituting a magnificent maze. Cruise along the meandering river through paddy fields and past the karst formations before entering the half-submerged entrances of

three caves for a visit. These are major representatives of a host of natural caves and grottoes present in local mountains. Stop for a short break near a small shrine before returning to Ha Noi capital.

Rate is net in USD per person

Group	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13-14	15+1
Price	139	85	65	45	43	37	33	32

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Private boat for sightseeing, Entrance fee & mineral water/ Lunch included