

4DAYS _ HANOI, HANOI ON WOODEN JUNK

Vietnam (Hanoi – City Tour – Ha Long)

1. OVERVIEW

This 4 day trip features the charming capital of Hanoi with the very best highlights plus a memorable overnight cruise in the magnificent Ha Long Bay, UNESCO World Heritage with thousands of limestone karsts and islets in various sizes and shapes. Wander around the tranquil Hoan Kiem Lake; sip a strong traditional coffee at a café in the Old Quarter while watching local people pass by. If you are first-time visitor to North Vietnam, this tour is the perfectly fit. It is likely simple but very exciting.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HANOI – ARRIVAL - TRADITIONAL SHOW
2	HANOI – HA LONG BAY
3	HALONG – HANOI
4	HANOI – DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HA NOI ARRIVAL (XIN CHAO HANOI!)

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel. **The driving time is approximately 40 minutes.**

Late afternoon, visit **Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple** located on an islet in the lake. Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name "Hoan Kiem" comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle. Next, discover special Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry as well as Vietnamese folklore through a compelling puppet show at Thang Long Theatre. Shop at a Café shop or walk at leisure in the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets before enjoying welcome dinner at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant

Meals: Dinner (Minh Anh restaurant)

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 2: HA NOI – HA LONG

Morning pick you up at 8:00 AM from your hotel for transfer to Ha Long Bay. It's about 160 km and driving time is approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes.

On the way, you have a plenty of chances to take photos of Vietnamese farmers working in paddy fields, see the local people trading and living in the countryside. Stop half way to visit a handicraft workshop of fine clothes and embroidered paintings.

Arrive in Ha Long City at 11:30 AM and check in aboard the booked junk right after the welcome drink is served. Start cruising while having lunch on board and enjoy the mighty bay view. Ha Long Bay meaning Descending Dragon Bay in Vietnamese as legend has it that it was where a holly dragon landed down from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km². The bay cruise will continue with up close sighting of **Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Sail Island**, a visit to **Sung Sot Cave** and swimming stop at **Titov Beach**. Relax to enjoy the bay view at sunset, have dinner after, go fishing at 09:00 PM and spend a night on board.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight on Boat in Ha Long Bay (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 3: HA LONG - HANOI

Early risers can enjoy the splendid yet tranquil view of the bay at the crack of dawn. Breathe the sea's fresh air, feel the morning breeze and hear the sounds of birds above. Have breakfast and cruise to visit Human head shaped island and Tortoise Island. Continue to cruise into Bai Tu Long Bay to discover the adjacent bay of "The Little Dragon Bowing to His Mother" as it is named. Check out and have lunch on board while heading to shore. Disembark and transfer back to Hanoi. Free at leisure for your shopping time in Hanoi Old Quarter. Each street has its own name that is present for products are sold but nowadays, this typical is not remained exactly because products changes. You have an opportunity to stroll around the old streets, stop somewhere to enjoy street food and discover the corner by yourself.

Dinner at local restaurant & then check in hotel for leisure

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner at Buffet Sen restaurant)

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 4: HANOI - DEPARTURE

Morning, transfer to visit the **Ho Chi Minh Complex**, containing the mausoleum of the nation's founder, and his rural style residence with a house on stilts and the **Presidential Palace**. Also part of this complex is the unique **One Pillar Pagoda**, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. The tour will continue on with a visit to the **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars. If time permitted, your guide might bring you to visit **Hoa Lo Prison** where Vietnamese political prisoners are kept during French invasion and the American War then transfer to airport for departure flight.

Meal: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

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

Date valid: 01 Oct 2015 - 30 Apr 2016 & 01 Oct 2016 - 31 Dec 2016:

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	403	354	291	264	95
Superior - 4*	479	430	366	339	163

Deluxe – 5*	540	491	427	400	200
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Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	397	348	284	257	90
Superior – 4*	471	422	358	331	157
Deluxe – 5*	533	484	421	394	195

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Package 2D1N Overnight on Wooden Junk in Ha Long
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival as complementary (for foreigners who need visa)
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport (45US\$ in Vietnam paid by cash at the airport)
- 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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LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Place	First Class (3*)	Superior (4*)	Deluxe (5*)
Hanoi	Demantoid Hanoi Hotel www.demantoidhotel.com Or Similar	Sunway Hanoi Hotel www.hanoi.sunwayhotels.com Or Similar	Nikko Hanoi hotel www.hotelnikkohanoi.com.vn Or Similar
Ha Long	Oriental Sails Cruise www.orientalsails.com Or Similar	Pelican Cruise www.pelicancruise.com Or Similar	Starlight Cruise www.starlightcruises.vn Or Similar

Tour Policy & Notes:

- Infant below 2 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%
- Tipping for guide and driver (suggestion):
 - Group from 2 – 4 pax: USD 5/ pax/ day
 - Group from 5 – 9 pax: USD 4/ pax/ day
 - Group from 10 – 15 pax: USD 3/ pax/ day

- Group above 15 pax: USD 2/ pax/ day
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Surcharge for Chinese new year:

- Surcharge for booking during Lunar New Year from **06.Feb – 12Feb 2016:**
 - US\$25/ pax/ day for FIT booking from 1-4pax
 - US\$15 / pax/ day for FIT booking from 5-9pax
 - US\$10 / pax/ day for GIT booking from 10pax up