

# 4 DAYS \_ MAI CHAU – CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK – NINH BINH

**VIETNAM (Hanoi – Mai Chau – Cuc Phuong National Park – Tam Coc - Phat Diem Cathedral)**

## **1. OVERVIEW:**

The trip is a great opportunity to see the idyllic beauty of Mai Chau and the rich biodiversity of Cuc Phuong national park as well as breathtaking scenery of limestone karst outcrop rice fields. Explore the Thai minority's culture while staying in their traditional stilt house will allow you to see firsthand how Vietnamese ethnic people live. In Ninh Binh, we ride through tracking paths through jungle in the Vietnam's oldest national park and enjoy the beauty of "inland Halong Bay" on sampan boat. Escape the stresses of the city life for couples of days in a journey that combines a mix of adventure and relaxation.

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY 1: HANOI – MAI CHAU

DAY 2: MAI CHAU – CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

DAY 3: CUC PHUONG – NINH BINH

DAY 4: NINH BINH – PHAT DIEM CATHEDRAL

## **3. THE TOUR**

### **DAY 1: HANOI – MAI CHAU**

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At 7:00 AM, your guide pick you up at hotel depart from Ha Noi on time to escape far away from the busy city at rush hour.

8:00 AM you arrive in Luong Son town, stop to take some photos of local market before proceeding to Hoa Binh then reach Stilt house in Mai Chau where you stay today. Have first traditional lunch of Thai minority

After lunch, you'll spend your afternoon to explore the idyllic natural surroundings and visit the Mo Luong (Soldier) Cave, Lac Village and Poong Coong Village, Chieng Chau villages by riding a bicycle or on foot. You'll be welcomed by the friendly local people, ask them questions to understand their life and culture. Return to your stilt house for dinner and overnight

**Night activities as optional:** you can join a folk dance singing and dancing of Thai people, the cost is not inclusive in tour price)

**Meals: Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at Stilt house in Mai Chau**

### **DAY 2: MAI CHAU – CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK**

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After breakfast we continue on the main Mai Chau road heading to the South.

During the route today, you'll enjoy the wonderful sightseeing along the narrow road through valley of this vast limestone mountain range. You feel very adventurous and lost in such a magic land, passing local villages and meeting minority people too. Have lunch at local restaurant before entering the Ho Chi Minh trail.

We'll arrival at Cuc Phuong National Park by early afternoon. After you get acquainted with your hosted family where you'll stay tonight, relax for a white then explore the local area.

Dinner and overnight in National Park

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**  
**Accommodation: Overnight at homestay in Mai Chau**

### **DAY 3: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK – NINH BINH**

Today, we enjoy a fantastic riding around the area and under the shadow of trees to visit Ancient trees and cave of Prehistoric men. Discover the national park as much as you can then have lunch at Cuc Phuong National park.

After a short break to refresh we continue to visit the Endangered Species Center – managed by a German. We'll then head to Ninh binh as off the beaten track to visit Kenh Ga floating village & Hoa Lu temples. Check in hotel. Have dinner at local restaurant

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**  
**Accommodation: Overnight at Hotel in Ninh Binh**

### **DAY 3: TAM COC – NINH BINH – PHAT DIEM CATHEDRAL**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Tam Coc harbor to embark on a boat trip to Tam Coc along the paddy fields through the caves then lunch served by in the "River side Restaurant". Have lunch at local restaurant

Afternoon, we visit Phat Diem cathedral before getting back to Hanoi. Tour finishes at your hotel.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

#### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Vietnam & Myanmar

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

#### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on other destination in Vietnam or tours to neighbor countries

**Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2 pax</b>	<b>3-4 pax</b>	<b>5-6 pax</b>	<b>7-9 pax</b>	<b>Single Supp</b>
Standard packages	\$ 365	\$ 316	\$ 253	\$ 240	\$ 45
First class packages	\$ 449	\$ 400	\$ 336	\$ 324	\$ 115

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>2 pax</b>	<b>3-4 pax</b>	<b>5-6 pax</b>	<b>7-9 pax</b>	<b>Single Supp</b>
Standard packages	\$ 357	\$ 308	\$ 245	\$ 232	\$ 45
First class packages	\$ 441	\$ 392	\$ 328	\$ 316	\$ 115

#### **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a Double room with daily breakfast
- 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
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

#### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- 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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#### **6. HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>First class – 3 &amp; 4*</b>
<b>Mai Chau</b>	<b>Stilt House</b>	<b>Mai Chau Ecolodge Resort</b> <a href="http://www.maichau.ecolodge.asia">www.maichau.ecolodge.asia</a> (Superior room )
<b>Ninh Binh</b>	<b>Queen Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.queenhotel.vn">www.queenhotel.vn</a> ( Superior room )	<b>Hoang Son Peace Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.hoangsonpeacehotel.com.vn">www.hoangsonpeacehotel.com.vn</a> (Superior room )
<b>Cuc Phuong</b>	<b>Guest House</b>	<b>Cuc Phuong Resort</b> <a href="http://www.cucphuongresort.vn">www.cucphuongresort.vn</a> (Superior room )

#### **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: US\$ 15/day per group
  - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: US\$ 20/day per group
  - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: US\$ 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)