

4DAYS _ NORTHERN CLASSIC OF VIETNAM

- Vietnam (Hanoi – City tour - Ha Long Bay)

1. OVERVIEW

See the highlights of Hanoi and Halong Bay on our most popular tour of Northern Vietnam. Starting in Hanoi, the charming capital city, you will visit many must-see sightseeing spots and savor unique Vietnamese dishes. Then transfer to Halong Bay – the World UNESCO Heritage site, spend one night in land to explore the city before take a day cruise among thousands islands and islets jutting out from the emerald water of the bay. The trip ends in Hanoi.

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 sample 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 authentic Vietnamese restaurant

Meals: Dinner (Anh Hoa restaurant)

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

DAY 2: HA NOI – HA LONG

Morning, half day city tour to visit **Ho Chi Minh Complex** which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation's founder. **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** where the nation's founder's body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November), **the colonial Presidential Palace**, originally the French Governor Office and a fine example of French architecture in Hanoi, and the rural style Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Stop by one of

Hanoi's icons, the **One Pillar Pagoda**, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. Continue 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. Lunch at a Vietnamese restaurant

Afternoon, transfer to Ha Long Bay, which is about 160 km. The transfer is approximately 3 hours. Moving through the countryside on the way will bring you a clear perspective of a country's whose 80% of population live on farming. Have a quick rest stop en route before reaching Ha Long City. Check in hotel then spend time at leisure. Dinner at Co Ngu restaurant
Evening: you're free at leisure to discover Ha Long town, visit night market, Casino or enjoy Foot Massage (under your account)

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Minh Anh restaurant/Co Ngu restaurant)

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

DAY 3: HA LONG - HANOI

Morning, breakfast at hotel between 6-7 AM, transfer to the dock for boarding a cruise boat to explore the legendary Ha Long Bay. Ha Long means Descending Dragon in Vietnamese as legend has it that a holly dragon landed down here 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 boat will stop at Dau Go Island for you to visit **Thien Cung Cave** (Heaven Palace) and **Dau Go Cave** (Wooden Stakes). **Dau Go Cave** in 13th Century was a depot to store pointed wooden stakes, which later were used by Vietnamese great military commander Tran Hung Dao to trap and puncture Mongolian naval boats in famous battles of Bach Dang. Continue cruising while fresh seafood lunch is served on board. Return to the dock, disembark and travel back to Hanoi.

Afternoon, drive back Hanoi and shopping in Hanoi Old Quarter. Dinner at local restaurant & leisure time in the evening

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (daily cruise/Red House restaurant)

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

DAY 4: HANOI - DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until 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*	377	319	249	219	58
Superior - 4*	417	359	289	259	89
Deluxe - 5*	464	406	336	306	125

Date: 01 May 2016 - 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	370	313	242	212	53
Superior – 4*	408	350	280	250	82
Deluxe – 5*	456	398	328	298	119

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or 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.
- Private board for sightseeing in Halong Bay in 04 hours
- 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	New Star hotel www.newstarhalonghotel.com Or Similar	Saigon Ha Long Hotel www.saigonhalonghotel.com Or Similar	Muong Thanh Quang Ninh www.muongthanh.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