

5DAYS – NORTHERN RESPONSIBLE & EDUCATION TOUR

VIETNAM (Hanoi – Orphanages – Phu Tho)

1. OVERVIEW:

Responsible travel is all about your attitude you take and what you do when traveling. This holiday in the northern region of Vietnam is not only about sightseeing but caring for local communities and hands-on activities as well. We have also included orphanage and school visits, get conversations with lovely ethnic children, join in farming works with local famers or have sympathy for the disadvantaged in an orphanage. All will leave you unforgettable memories and a meaningful holiday in Vietnam.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HANOI ARRIVAL
2	ORPHANAGE'S VISITING IN BAVI - HANOI'S OUTSKIRT
3	HANOI - PHU THO - HANOI
4	FULL DAY FARMER TOUR AT VEGETABLE VILLAGE AT OUTKIRT
5	HANOI DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrival Hanoi airport, warm welcomed by our guide & driver then transfer to the city. Hanoi or "River-bound City" as its name literally means is Vietnam's capital with a thousand-year-old history dating back to 1010. The city's fascinating beauty which is characterized by unique cultural relics, ancient streets of antique houses, elegant French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and romantic lakes has made it one of the most charming cities of Asia.

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 2: ORPHANAGE'S VISITING IN BAVI - HANOI'S OUTSKIRT

Brief information about the Orphanage

The orphanage is located in the Ba Vi district in the northwest of Hanoi about approximately 50km. the center is home to not only orphan children but also the homeless, the elderly, and people with difficult life. There are about 320 people at the center and some children attending the local school. Such a variety of people will give you a real insight into what life can be like for some in Vietnam.

Late afternoon, we will come back Hanoi, and then check in hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 3: FULL DAY EDUCATION'S PROJECT IN PHU THO

Morning, have breakfast at hotel before transfer to Thanh Son in Phu Tho province for volunteer program, after two hours and half you will arrive Thanh Son then you will have some activities at school.

School visiting

You will spend about an hour to visit the junior high school, communicate with local pupils and teach them some English sentences and give them some small gifts. If time permits you can same time to tidy up around school and decorate some pictures on walls and teach them how to welcome the tourists.

Thanh Son (Pho Vang) is a small midland town in the mountainous province of Phu Tho in the North of Vietnam. It is a nice town surrounded by the mountains. There is one secondary school, two junior high schools, and one junior high school for all ethnic children and pupils (grade from 5 to 9), these pupils are selected from the different 21 minorities in the area by the government, and they are brought up here from the grade 5 to 9. They don't have to pay any school fees because the government has good policy to take care and train the ethnic children with hope to help them to improve their poverty circle and opportunity to change their life by the education.

The local people here are mostly live in the agriculture and take their advantage in growing and producing tea. The standard living of most people is under development. There are some tourist attractions but the government hasn't invested in advertising and done seriously to attract clients to visit regularly. In the future, they might do because that is demanding of the development. The children here are aware of learning English but they don't have any condition to practice; they seem never getting any opportunity to communicate with foreigners. With our program, we would like to help children here with English training course, besides, our students will share their knowledge to the local people (in the tourist area) about their fields they ever study and teach them how to do the service business especially how to serve tourists with warm welcome and let them understand about tourist's demanding with sustainable tourism.

Late afternoon, transfer back Hanoi then check in hotel and free at leisure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 4: FULL DAY FARMER TOUR AT VEGETABLE VILLAGE IN OUTKIRT

Today, we will travel out of Hanoi to visit Song Phuong village about an hour. This is the main supply source for fresh vegetable for the city. Here, you will see endless fields growing various kinds of vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, tomato, green peas, corn as well as fruits such as oranges, pomelos, papaya and banana. If you love gardening, this is a great opportunity for you to know farm works of Vietnam, for example sowing, watering, fertilizing...Do not hesitate to ask locals about their cultivation technique and learn about their daily life. They will be happy and proud to share all with you.

- 8:30 Leave Hanoi and drive west to the village. There are many small farms, where most of the produce sold in the city markets is grown. There are vegetable gardens, tropical fruits and very hospitable local people.
- 9:00 Take a tour round the vegetable fields growing a variety of produce including cauliflower; cabbage; tomato; green peas; Chinese peas; ...;
- 9:30 Join with a farmer to learn how to work on his field. Depending on the season, the activities will be between raking, sowing, watering greens, picking greens, cultivating or harvesting...;
- 12:00 Lunch with a local family to get the experience on the taste of some local dishes, delicious vegetables, local fruit and Vietnamese tea;
- 13:30 Leave Song Phuong Vegetable Village to drive back and drop off at your hotel in Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 5: HANOI DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until meet our guide then transfer to airport for flight...

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

Please contact us for customized program and exact price for this type of tour as we need further discuss with you to meet perfectly your expectation and goal.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double or twin room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary (B=Breakfast/ L=Lunch/ D=Dinner)
- 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
- Permission to visit Orphanage and school, charity's activities, gifts for children..
- 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