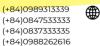


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# **ESSENCE OF NORTHERN VIETNAM 8 DAYS**

If you are interested in discovering all aspects of the Vietnamese top pole, our 8-day Essence of Northern tour package is a perfect showcase of the visual and cultural delights. Let's get a glimpse of the countryside and enjoy the tranquility of the endless paddy fields.. Pack up your luggage and join Viet Green Travel on this unforgettable vacation with lots of amazing memories that are waiting for you ahead on Essence of Northern Vietnam 8 days. Let go and book now !!!

Tour type: Private tour, Join in tour **Duration**: 8 Days

**Departure**: Daily Tour Styles: Off the beaten track, Interact with local, Soft Adventure, Cultural, Nature Destination: Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Mai Chau - Sapa - Halong Bay

# **ITINERARY TOUR:**

### DAY 1: HANOI HALF-DAY CITY TOUR

### Morning/ Afternoon

This half-day tour departs either in the morning or in the afternoon, depending on your availability. The journey includes the most highlighted tourist places in Hanoi:

Take a visit to the Temple of Literature. It is the first university in Vietnam that has a long history of more than 1000 years and was built in 1070 to honor Confucius.

Head to One Pillar Pagoda, one of the most unique architectures in Vietnam that illustrate the national flower Lotus.

Then continue your trip to the Mausoleum of President Ho Chi Minh, an important place that protects the body of the great leader Ho Chi Minh.

Visit West Lake and Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, which is regarded as the most ancient pagoda in Hanoi with a history line of more than 1,500 years. Have lunch/dinner at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant. The rest of the day will be your free time to relax but you can join some optional night tours in

Hanoi to know more about the culture of people here:

	Hanoi Street Food Walking Tour	FROM US \$29 /pax		
	Hanoi Cyclo and Water Puppet Show With Dinner	FROM US \$44 /pax		

### NOTEs:

The morning tour starts at 08:00-8:30 while the evening one starts at 13:30. The guests can choose to travel by car or motorbike and the routes of the tour can change subject to the customer's interest.

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum: Sites are viewed from outside and closed on Monday and Friday and from June to August. You should dress politely. Clothes including shorts, mini-skirts, sleeveless shirts, and tank tops are not allowed. Meals: Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

### DAY 2: HANOI - MAI CHAU - CYCLING AROUND VILLAGE

### Morning

After having breakfast at the hotel, let's get on the van for the drive to Mai Chau. Because the distance from Hanoi to Mai Chau is not long (about 140 km, 3.5 hours), you will have a short break along the way, then arrive at the destination around midday.

Upon arrival, traditional Vietnamese lunch will be served in the village (the vegetarian option is available if you are a vegan).

### Afternoon

Join a bicycle tour with the local guide to witness the countryside life of Northern Vietnam. You will see the farmers working in the fields and regional people weaving scarves.

After that, you can wander around the surrounding peaceful villages and go shopping, buying some small souvenirs to bring home.

Savor your dinner cooked in the native Thai style with local wine "Ruou Can" while enjoying the traditional dance show of Thai people.



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**NOTE:** The dinner experience only applies to guests traveling in large groups.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bungalow in Mai Chau

### **DAY 3: MAI CHAU RIDING TOUR - HANOI**

### Morning

Enjoy your breakfast before getting on your bicycle and riding 2 km to more remote villages of Mai Chau, such as Na Meo and Na Mo villages. You might have the chance to admire the terraced fields and learn more about traditional culture and customs.

Around midday, back to the homestay for lunch and check out. Then you will have time for shopping and relaxing.

### Afternoon

Around 15:30, get on the bus to drive back to Hanoi, the travel time is around 3.5 hours. Arriving in Hanoi Old Quarter, you will be dropped off at your hotel to have an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

### DAY 4: NINH BINH: HOA LU & TAM COC - NIGHT TRAIN TO SAPA Morning

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel around 07:30 and get picked up for the transfer to Ninh Binh. Have a short break along the way, enjoying the fresh air in the middle of the giant rice fields.

After arriving in Tam Coc, which is also called the "Halong Bay on land", you will get on the small boat rowed by a local along the Ngo Dong River for about 2 hours.

This might be a memorable time to admire the breathtaking scenery of this Vietnamese jewel, including limestone mountains, rice fields, and temples along the way. Also, it is possible to witness the golden rice carpet along the river banks if you travel during the harvest season.

Get back to the mainland for lunch in a local restaurant.

### Afternoon

After lunch and a short break, at 13:30, hop on a bicycle, go around the beautiful villages, and enjoy the fresh air in the rural area.

Travel to Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, the ancient capital city of Vietnam one thousand years ago, and learn more about Vietnamese history, which is fascinating and worth knowing.

Get back to Hanoi by bus and get ready for the night train.

### Night

Around 20:00, you meet the tour guide at the hotel. You will be transferred to the Hanoi Train Station to have an overnight train to Lao Cai train station.

### NOTES:

The train departs around 22:00 and is a shared sleeping compartment (2 lower & 2 upper berths per compartment).

Our tour guide will not accompany you during the train trip. The train schedule is subject to change. Private compartments on request at a surcharge.

Train journeys are part of a great experience. Cabins are shared with other passengers (unless a private cabin is requested and all berths paid for - with supplement). Restrooms at either end of the carriages.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight on train

### Day 5: Lao Cai - Sapa - Trekking to Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van

### Morning

At 05:30 - 06:00, you will arrive at Lao Cai train station. The bus driver will pick you up from the train station to Sapa, which might take around 1 hour. Please be noted that early check-in is possible with an extra fee.

After the check-in, relax to get ready for a full-day tour. At around 09:30, meet the local guide and start trekking to Y Linh Ho village, which is settled down by the Muong Hoa River. From here, you continue to travel to Lao Chai village, which is home to Black H'mong.

### Afternoon





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After reaching Lao Chai village in the morning, let's head to Ta Van village, which is 1,200 meters above sea level, and see their unique culture and traditional clothes.

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Return to Sapa and free at leisure for the rest of the day. Overnight at your hotel in Sapa.

NOTE: This downhill trekking way takes 13 km and is considered as the easy level.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

### DAY 6: CAT CAT - SIN CHAI - SAPA - HANOI BY SHUTTLE BUS

### Morning

Enjoy your last breakfast in Sapa and check out, then have a trekking journey to Cat Cat Village. This is a place where you can enjoy wandering around the village and admiring the poetic beauty of this ethnic scenery.

Picnic lunch will be served by the side of the river.

#### Afternoon

Keep trekking to Sin Chai village, located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain - "the Roof of Indochina". Come back to the main road to be transferred to Sapa town.

Around 14:30-15:00, the driver comes to pick you up at the hotel for a transfer back to Hanoi and you would spend the night at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

## DAY 7: HANOI - HALONG BAY - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE

### Morning

Get up and have your breakfast before the driver picks you up around 08:00 - 08:30 to head to Halong Bay, one of the world's seven natural wonders in North Vietnam. This is the must-visit destination with thousands of limestone islands, mysterious caves, and appealing emerald water.

Upon arrival, do the check-in procedures before getting on the cruise. Around 12:00, you will be welcomed by friendly crew staff with a welcome drink.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on board with fresh seafood from Halong while the boat cruises in the bay. Relax in your cabin and have free time until the afternoon

### Afternoon

You would have various water activities this afternoon, such as visiting the caves, kayaking, or just swimming in the sea, based on the itinerary of each Halong Bay cruise.

After all, you are free to get on the boat for relaxing and enjoy your delicious dinner on the cruise.

NOTE: Our tour guide will not accompany you aboard the cruise in Halong Bay but the English-speaking guide on board is available.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Cruise in Halong Bay

### **DAY 8: HALONG BAY - HANOI**

### Morning

On this last morning, you can choose to set up early to join a Tai Chi lesson or just relax on the sundeck and witness the amazing sunrise on the bay. After breakfast, you will begin your last excursion to one of the famous attractions in Halong Bay.

Brunch will be served on the way back to the main dock at around 11:00 - 11:30. You will be transferred back to Hanoi after the cruise trip.

### Afternoon

Have free time to explore Hanoi Old Quarter and try Vietnamese street food by yourself. You can consider joining some extra food tours below:

Hanoi 3 Hours Sunset Biking & Food Tour	FROM US \$54 /pax
Hanoi Food Tour by Motorbike at Night	FROM US \$78 /pax





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**NOTE:** If you want a drop-off service at the airport or extra nights in Hanoi, feel free to contact our travel consultant for helpful support.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch Accommodation: NA

# **PACKAGE PRICES:**

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	JOIN IN TOUR	PRIVATE TOUR
2 Star *	\$487	\$678
3 Star *	\$563	\$736
4 Star *	\$693	\$944

Notes:

- \*All prices are based on per adult, in Double/Twin sharing •
- Small group tour available (max 10 guests): HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveler or single room request

# **OUR PRICE INCLUDE:**

- 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 1 Brunch, 2 Picnic Lunch, 1 Dinner
- Car, Train, Cruise, Trekking
- Hotel (4 nights), Bungalow in Mai Chau (1 night), Overnight on train (1 night), Cruise in Halong Bay (1 night) •
- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except overnight on train and home-stay (if any)
- Car transfer as per itinerary (excluding airport pick up and drop off) •
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide. ٠
- Overnight train ticket Hanoi Lao Cai (4 soft berth sharing cabin with air condition)
- Sharing luxury limousine Sapa Hanoi
- Sharing shuttle bus Hanoi Ha Long Bay Hanoi •
- Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

### **OUR PRICE EXCLUDE:**

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flights with taxes •
- **Travel Insurance** •
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals

# **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

### Cancellation by Customer

o 60 days prior to the arrival date: Non Refundable deposit charge and the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.

 $\circ$  59 – 31 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 30% per group/booking and plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.

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 $\circ$  30 days – 15 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 50% per group/booking plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.

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 $\circ$  14 – 7 days before arrival: Cancellations fee 70% charge plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.

o Less than 7 days before arrival Or No show: 100 % charge per group/booking.

\*\*\* Nonrefundable deposit and banking service fee will be forfeited in all cancellation cases.

# **CHILDREN PRICES:**

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC except domestic ticket cost
- 04 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate