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## 8 days Hanoi – Ha Long – Sapa – Ninh Binh

### Draft Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival – Hanoi – City tour  
Day 2: Hanoi – Halong  
Day 3: Halong – Hanoi  
Day 4: Hanoi – Sapa by eco bus – Cat Cat Village  
Day 5: Sapa – Lao Chai Ta Van Village – Fanxipan with cable car  
Day 6: Sapa – Bac Ha market – Hanoi by eco bus  
Day 7: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hanoi  
Day 8: Hanoi – Departure

### Program in detail

#### Day 1: Arrival – Hanoi – City tour

**Meal provided: No meal, Optional for Buffet Dinner at local restaurant**

Welcome to Hanoi, a city of beautiful public spaces, lakes, tree-lined boulevards, landscaped parks and monuments that give the city an air of elegance and harmony with nature unique among Asian capitals.

**Meet upon arrival by our representative inside the airport to support for immigration process before seeing the local private guide at the exit gate.**

Start the visit to **Ho Chi Minh Complex**, an important place of pilgrimage. A traffic-free area of **botanical gardens, monuments, memorials and pagodas**, it's usually crowded with groups of all ages, from all over the nation, who has come to pay their respects. Within the complex are **Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House and the Presidential Palace**, and **the Ho Chi Minh Museum**. Closed by, the famous **One Pillar Pagoda** which is built of wood on a single stone pillar 1.25 m in diameter. It is designed to resemble a lotus blossom, which is a Buddhist symbol of purity, since a lotus blossoms in a muddy pond. After that, continue to visit the **Temple of Literature** (Vietnamese name is **Quoc Tu Giam**) – The Vietnam's first University, which was built in 1070 in honor of Confucius, his followers and Chu Van An, a moral figure in Vietnamese education.

Enjoy a water puppet show. **Water puppetry** - "puppets that dance on water"- is a tradition that dates back as far as the 11th century when it originated in the villages of the Red River Delta area of northern Vietnam. Today's Vietnamese water puppetry is a unique variation on the ancient Asian puppet tradition.

**Check in hotel. Stay overnight in Hanoi.**

#### Day 2: Hanoi – Halong

**Meal provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

After breakfast, you are transferred to Halong Bay

*Subject to change without prior notice*

11.30: Upon arrival at Harbor. You are welcomed at our waiting room before enjoying the cruise.

12.15-12.30: Embark on Cruise. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13.00: Start sailing among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of **Bai Tu Long Bay**, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views.

Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14.30: Explore the well-hidden **Co Cave** (known as **Thien Canh Son Cave**). Enjoy relaxing on white sandy beach, walking along the beach or swimming at Hon Co Island.

15.45: Return to Cruise and enjoy Happy hour. You will have 30% discount off from the special menu drinks including of cocktail, mocktail and mixed drinks (from 16.30 pm to 19.00 pm.).

Treasure the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset, admire the striking islands and islets, and savor the fresh and peaceful atmosphere which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.

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16.30: Enjoy kayaking at **Cong Do** or relaxing on the cruise.

18.00: Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning setting in motion, attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll).

19.15: Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.

21.00: Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), squid fishing.

### **Stay overnight on cruise**

### **Day 3: Halong – Hanoi**

*Meal provided: Breakfast, Brunch, Optional for Buffet Dinner **at local restaurant***

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6.30: Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.

7.00: Catch the morning view of seascape while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, café in the restaurant.

7.30: Visit **Vung Vieng** village.

8.30: Return to Cruise

9.15: Pack-up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

9.30-10.40: Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to harbor.

11.00: Disembark from Cruise

12.00: Your driver takes you back to Hanoi.

Take **an hour of cyclo** in **Hanoi Old Quarter** – 36 streets and guilds to discover the ancient feature of Hanoi and daily life and **French Quarter** with some signature buildings such as **Hanoi Opera House**.

Visit to **Ngoc Son Temple** which is located at the northern end of Sword Lake. From the shore, walking on the Welcoming Morning Sunlight Bridge leads to the island.

### **Stay overnight in Hanoi**

### **Day 4: Hanoi – Sapa by eco bus – Cat Cat Village**

*Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Set Menu Dinner **at local restaurant***

07:00 – 07:30AM: Pick up by sharing eco bus at hotel's lobby for Sapa

On arrival, meet your personal driver and guide for sightseeing.

Enjoy a visit to **Cat Cat Village**, 2km from Sapa Townlet, is an age-old village of H'Mong ethnic group remaining unique customs and practices that are lots in other villages. Visitors to Cat Cat have an opportunity to admire a lively and colorful picture. That is the image of young women sitting by looms with colorful pieces of brocade decorated with designs of flowers and birds. When these pieces of brocade are finished, they are dyed and embroidered with beautiful designs. A noteworthy is that H'Mong women use plants and leaves to dye these brocade fabrics. And then they roll around and smooth section of wood covered with wax on fabrics to polish them, making their colors durable. In addition to the brocade weaving craft, many residents in Cat Cat are good at manipulating gold and silver jewelry. Their products are fairly sophisticated, especially jewelry for women.

### **Stay overnight in Sapa**

### **Day 5: Sapa – Lao Chai Ta Van Village – Fanxipan with cable car**

*Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Set Menu Dinner **at local restaurant***

This morning, visit to **Lao Chai Ta Van**, staging point for the day's hike. Begin the trek by descending into the rice-terraced valley. Walk through isolated villages, rice fields, and isolated thatched roof homes where H'Mong peoples live. See the H'Mong at work and at play in their distinctive dark blue dress.

Continue taking a visit to **Silver Waterfall & Heaven Pass**: lies beside National Highway No 4D, about 12km from Sapa town's centre, Silver Waterfall is formed by sources of water from the Lo Sui Tong mountain peak. With a height of 100 meter, it is a big one and the loop track is steep and scenic. From the distance, the waterfall looks like a white

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dragon looking down from the sky. You can reach the Silver Waterfall by car in half an hour. From there you can see stunning view of the surrounding mountains and the last forests belonging to Hoang Lien Son National Park.

You will be transferred to the Sapa Cable Station for very amazing trip to **Indochina's Rooftop – Mount Fanxipan by cable car**. This is particularly interesting in these northern mountains of the country, where travelers seek the rice terraces and traditional arts of a minority peoples. Cultivating the land to an altitude of around 2,200 meters are the ethnic minorities the lowland Vietnamese generically call 'Meo' – savages – and above them looms the bulk of Hua Xi Pan: "giant protruding rock". Take **hiking of 600 stone stairs** more to reach the rocky peak of The Roof of Indochina. Below you spread the foothills of the Himalayas, blanketed with rainforest and the first tendrils of fog.

### Stay overnight in Sapa

#### Day 6: Sapa – Bac Ha market – Hanoi by eco bus

*Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Set Menu Dinner at local restaurant*

Depending on the travelling date, a local market will be advised

Tuesday: Coc Ly market

Wednesday: Cao Son market

Thursday: Lung Khau Nhin market

Saturday: Can Cau market

Sunday: Bac Ha market

After breakfast, heading to Bac Ha. Every Sunday, Bac Ha hosts the biggest fair near the mountainous highlands and the Chinese border. It is a trading centre and meeting place for couples, friends, and relatives, and it is a typical weekly activity for the H'Mong and other minority groups living in the locality. Local products for sale or barter are carried on horseback. At the fair, adventurous gastronomes can try "Thang co" porridge, a popular dish of the H'Mong and other local people.

After your interesting time at the market, continue visiting:

- **Ban Pho village:** The village of Flower Mong people about 7 kms from Bac Ha town. Ban Pho still retains primary of highland village. From a distance, Pho Village looks like a nice and lively picture. Mingling in the thick, interminable forest and mountain is glimpse of Hmong ethnic homes, like bird nests clinging to the cliffs. Follow beautiful valley with plums garden and corn filed, you can take the beautiful hike along this great scenery and visit the family of hospitable Mong people. Try their famous alcohol made from corn and interact with the family in their traditional house. It is more like the hiking than a trek, so everyone can do that.

- **The H'Mong King's house** was built at the beginning of the 20th century (between 1914 and 1921). Its owner was Hoang Yen Chao of Tay origin. He was the father of Hoang A Tuong, a tribal mandarin under the domination of the French colonialists. The castle is a unique construction work, which harmonizes the Oriental and Western architectural styles. Occupying a pivotal position overlooking the Bac Ha valley, it serves both as the residence of Hoang Yen Chao, then Hoang A Tuong and as a fortress. Its network of walls, bunkers, and battlements were reinforced by a mortar mixed with sugar molasses. In a distance, the white castle jutting out from the valley looks imposing and majestic. At present, this castle is put under a restoration scheme to better help tourists get insight into the changes of the local life.

15:00 – 15:30: Meet your sharing eco bus and transfer back to Hanoi. Drop off at your hotel.

### Stay overnight in Hanoi

#### Day 7: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hanoi

*Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Buffet Dinner at local restaurant*

Travel to Ninh Binh province. On arrival, enjoy a three-hour excursion by small boat along the **Ngo Dong River**, beginning at the village of Van Lam and proceeding through a scenic landscape dominated by rice fields and karst towers. The route includes floating through **Tam Coc** - the three natural grottos (Hang Ca, Hang Hai, and Hang Ba), the largest of which is 125m long with its ceiling about 2m high above the water. The boats are typically rowed by one or two local women who also sell embroidered goods. Then visit to Bich Dong pagoda - a cave pagoda - which was built in the 15th century. There are 3 main pagodas here called Chua Ha, Chua Trung and Chua Thuong. We'll start a walking

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tour across a stone bridge and start hiking up the mountains on the stone steps, passing through the dark cave and we'll find ourselves on top of the mountains with private view of the surroundings.

In the afternoon, drive to visit **Hoa Lu temple**– The ancient capital of Vietnam in the 10th and 11th centuries. Enjoying the 11th & 17th century architecture style, old sculpture – carving on wood & stone depicting the daily lives, dreams and wishes for peace, good life, etc.

Back to Hanoi. Drop off at your hotel. **Stay overnight in Hanoi**

### **Day 8: Hanoi - Departure**

#### ***Meal provided: Breakfast***

Enjoy your free time till being transferred to the airport for flight back to home.

### **End services**

#### **Including**

- + Complimentary Vietnam visa pre- approval letter with Fast track
- + 06 nights at hotels with breakfast on a private double/twin sharing room and mihi hotel for shower at Sapa
- + 01 night on a sharing cruise on a private double/twinsharing room
- + Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- + Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the program
- + Travel by private, air-conditioned vehicle with an experienced, safe driver
- + Eco bus ticket ( shuttle bus to SAPA) for around trip
- + See Water Puppet show
- + Cyclo trip in Hanoi
- + Private boat trip in Tam Coc
- + Round trip cable car in Fanxipan
- + Private English-speaking guide with legal license in each region
- + 01 bottle of mineral water/ pax/ day and souvenir
- + All taxes and service charge

#### **Excluding**

- Bank fees for both sides (Prefer cash on arrival)
- Vietnam visa stamping (25 USD per pax for one time entry)
- Single room supplement
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping)
- Tipping for guide, driver
- Drinks and other meals which are not indicated in the program
- Travel insurance
- International and domestic air ticket and airport tax
- Any additional expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as natural calamities (typhoon, flood), flight delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc...
- Other services which are not mentioned clearly in the "Including" item, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc...
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### **How to book a tour with us**

Step 1: Review/ Customize the proposal

In order to match your expectation, any further discussion for revising or amending if having is highly appreciated

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**Step 2: Confirm & Deposit**

Whenever you come to the finalization and ready to have the trip confirmed, the non-refundable deposit of minimum 50% and full airfare charges is required before we start to reserve all services and issue the flight tickets to get the best promotion price.

**Step 3: Tour documents**

Once the services are completed, you are provided with necessary information before the trip

**Cancellations and changes policy after trip approval:**

In order to cancel an approved and paid trip (even if partially), please send us a message as quickly as possible, by email or phone

Cancellation conditions: despite what is written below, payment will not be refunded for services purchased and paid for by the company such as -

International flights or domestic flights, trains, or hotels or other services.

From the moment of registration until 60 days before departure - the payment will be refunded except for \$100 per person and/or the services purchased for the participant

From 45 - 30 days before departure - 50% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 30 - 15 days before departure - 80% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 15 - 7 days before departure or no-show - 100%.

The company will be entitled to cancel any trip up to 14 days from the date of departure. In such a case, the passenger will be refunded all his money as he paid, up to 30 days from the date of cancellation.

It is mandatory to have insurance for travelers abroad, including travel cancellation, corona and medical flight.

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