

# Best of the North - 7 days

(Hanoi – Sapa – Halong – Hue - Hoian – Saigon – Mekong Delta)

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## Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination
Day 1	HANOI ARRIVAL
Day 2	HANOI - CITY TOUR - NIGHT TRAIN TO SAPA
Day 3	Y LINH HO - LAO CHAI - TA VAN VILLAGES TREKKING
Day 4	CAT CAT - SIN CHAI VILLAGES TREKKING - BUS TO HANOI
Day 5	HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD
Day 6	HALONG BAY – HANOI
Day 7	HANOI DEPARTURE

## Hotel Inclusions

Location	Hotels
Hanoi	Holiday Emerald Hotel
Halong Bay Cruise	Huong Hai Sealife Cruise
Sapa	Panorama Hotel

**Note\*:** Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively as per the hotel's policy. Early checkin/late checkout is subject to availability. Supplement for early checkin/late checkout (if any) is not included.

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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<p><b>Land Tour Inclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overnights in selected hotels or similar</li> <li>○ Vietnam visa approval letter</li> <li>○ Halong bay 2 day Cruise package</li> <li>○ Local English speaking guides</li> <li>○ Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary</li> <li>○ Meals as indicated in the itinerary</li> <li>○ Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary</li> <li>○ Tours and transfers as mentioned, by air-conditioned vehicles (bus and group tour)</li> <li>○ Hanoi – Lao Cai Overnight train (4 berth AC cabin)</li> <li>○ Sapa – Hanoi by Limousine bus</li> </ul>	<p><b>Land Tour Exclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Visas fees</li> <li>➤ Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures</li> <li>➤ Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services</li> </ul>

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1

### HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi. Greeted by your guide/driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

**Meals:** N/A

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

### Day 2

### HANOI - CITY TOUR - NIGHT TRAIN TO SAPA

Today, we will spend a full day to visit the city. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and residence. We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be

found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university

After lunch in a local restaurant, we go to the Museum of Ethnology, which is an excellent museum containing the ethnic costumes of the various minorities of Vietnam, as well as relics, tools and even full size replicas of their homes and buildings.

Back to the hotel. Free till transfer to the station for overnight train to Sapa.

**Note\*:** Late checkout at the hotel is not included.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Night on overnight train to Sapa

### Day 3

### Y LINH HO - LAO CHAI - TA VAN VILLAGES TREKKING

Sa Pa is a quiet mountain town and home to a great diversity of ethnic minority peoples. Most of the ethnic minority people work their land on sloping terraces since the vast majority of the land is mountainous. Their staple foods are rice and corn. Rice, by its very nature of being a labour intensive crop, makes the daily fight for survival paramount. The unique climate in Sapa has a major influence on the ethnic minorities who live in the area. With sub-tropical summers, temperate winters and 160 days of mist annually, the influence on agricultural yields and health related issues are significant. Today, upon arrival, we will transfer straight to Sapa. Here we have breakfast at the local restaurant and rest for few minutes before starting 6km of walking down to the south east of Sapa along the side of Muong Hoa valley to Y Linh Ho village of the Black H'mong. A 2 km-trekking down to Lao Chai village, through terraced rice fields to Ta Van village of the Dzay minority people. On the way, we would have chance to learn about the local agriculture producing customs and daily lifestyle. We have lunch at a local family, offering you a worth chance to learn about the local house architecture, which is full of their daily life styles and exclusive custom. We will then get back to Sapa by jeep or motorbike.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Sapa

### Day 4

### CAT CAT - SIN CHAI VILLAGES TREKKING - BUS TO HANOI

We start a walk down to the South-west of Sapa (around 4 km) to visit Cat Cat village of the Black H'mong. Relax at the food of the stunning waterfall and the vestige of a hydroelectric power station that was constructed by the French during the colonial time in Vietnam. We enjoy picnic lunch by the side of the river, and trek for 6 km to Sin Chai village, which is located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain, "the roof of Vietnam and Indochina". From here you can enjoy huge stunning landscapes before climbing up on the way back to Sapa. You are free to explore the town till bus transfer to Hanoi departing at 3:00pm. Arrive Hanoi at 9pm.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

**Day 5**

**HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD**

07:45 – 08:15 : Pick up at your hotel near by the Old Quarter in Hanoi by shuttle bus

12:30 – 12:30 : Embark the cruise at Tuan Chau harbor. Enjoy welcome drink, cruise briefing & start cruising.

13:00 – 15:30 : A stunning lunch is served while cruising into the Halong Bay with thousands of extraordinary shaped limestone islands considered as the heaven on the earth

15:30 – 17:00 : Explore the area and be charmed by the outstanding masterpiece of the Mother Nature. Visit Mê Cung Cave – one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay. Climb up & see the panoramic view of the bay from above. Enjoy swimming in the crystal water of the peaceful Bay.

17:00 – 19:00 : Return to the cruise the Sunset party and admire the best moment of the day when the sun starts to set. Or enjoy the massage treatment in your comfortable cabin.

19:00 : Savor an amazing and dreamlike dinner in Fairy cave (or Drum cave) with extremely delicious food which is not only impressed by its incredible taste, but also by great fruit and vegetable carving performance. Socialize with new friends and crew members, enjoy squid fishing or leisurely relax on the top deck in the middle of the tranquil bay.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Night on Board

**Day 6**

**HALONG BAY - HANOI**

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 17pm.

Airport transfer for late flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoian

**Day 7**

**HANOI DEPARTURE**

Free and easy till airport transfer. Trip ends.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** N/A

## Booking Terms & Conditions

### Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

### Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- Between 65 and 45 days before departure: 15% of total tour cost
- Between 44 and 35 days before departure: 30% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 7 days or less before departure: 100% of total tour cost

**Note:** We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.