



BEAUTIFULLY NORTHERN VIETNAM

--- 9 days / 8 nights ---

❖ Description of itinerary: **HANOI - HA TAY / PERFUME PAGODAS - NINH BINH - HOA LU - HALONG Bay - CAT BA Island - HAI PHONG**

Date	From / To	Itinerary	O/N in
Day 1	ARRIVAL IN HANOI	Arrival Hanoi via Noi Bai Airport, special welcome all warmly, a moment of courtesy meeting then self-introduce with my helpful tour guides in the meeting point's Noi Bai Airport. Welcome to stately Hanoi - its legendary beginnings from 1,010 to 15th century then before the World War II, after 1954 as well, is the cradle of Red River Delta civilization with green rice-fields, its Old streets and colonial Quarter, its calm lakes, the shaded boulevards, its verdant public parks and sunny smiles with truly Far-East Asian faces ...Our experienced tour guides will transmit you the most lovely aspects of Hanoi - the ancient city of 1,000 yrs, during 45' by coach from the Airport to your Hotel in the centre city, express check in and a moment of resting until the time to enjoy water puppet show, a unique art form of Vietnamese, at Thang Long Water Puppet Troupe, and you will also experience more about a specific culture in South-East Asia coming from an agriculture of wet rice during the performance. Overnight in Hanoi.	HA NOI
Day 2	HANOI FULLDAY TOUR	After breakfast, enjoy a fullday tour of Hanoi, let's experienced the basic concepts of political Vietnam currently by visit to the Chairman Palace area, there are Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, Ba Dinh National square, Stilt House; One Pillar Pagoda, a nice group picture should photo in the parade yard of Ba Dinh National square with the great back view of Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, continuing to visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, located on an islet of West Lake, continuing to the Temple of Literature known as Vietnam's first university built on 11 th century, In the afternoon, followed-up by a short excursion to visit Vietnam History Museum, to have a look at the fine collections of exhibited artefacts dating back from the time when young Vietnam keenly struggled to against the Chinese attempts at dominating this small country; then the hard struggle against the French colonists and history of the Communist Party as well. Proceeding to Viet Nam Fine Arts Museum to learn about Classical and Contemporary master-piece of Vietnam from thousand years. Finally, visit Dong Xuan market, and enjoy your shopping for the rest of day . (B)	HA NOI
Day 3	HANOI -	After breakfast, we take a trip to Ha Tay province to visit Chua Huong (Perfume Pagoda). You will have a good time with a one and a half - hour	HA NOI

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	<p>HA TAY - PERFUME PAGODAS By A/C Car 80 km & Rowing Boat</p>	<p>boat trip on Yen Vi Stream from Ben Duc (Duc wharf) along the tranquil scenic waterways to Thien Tru wharf. From here continue walking up 4 km get to the Main Cave Pagoda. Keep on hiking and exploring Chua Huong, a complex of pagodas and Buddhist built into the limestone cliffs of Huong Tich Mountain (Mountain of the Fragrant Traces). You will visit to pilgrim's popular sites such as Thien Chu (Pagoda Leading to Heaven), Giai Oan Chu (Purgatorial Pagoda) and Huong Tich Chu (Pagoda of Perfumed Vestige), and actually amazed at its beautiful scenery with a peaceful and perhaps holy atmosphere.</p> <p>From Main Cave Pagoda, it takes about one hour to go down to Thien Tru Wharf. You have rest time before drive back to Hanoi. Free leisure at night in Ha Noi. (B,D)</p>	
Day 4	<p>HANOI - NINH BINH By A/C Car 90 km & Rowing Boat</p>	<p>Morning travelling to Ninh Binh province, that people commonly call "Halong Bay on Land", to enjoy full day tour in marvelous nature. Visit to Hoa Lu Ancient Royal Capital, set in a spectacular of lush rice paddies and mountains, where you will visit Dinh and Le Temples, there are ancient temple, to be dedicated of Dinh, Le dynasties on 10th century, standing on the archiological land of the old citadel.</p> <p>Transfer to Hotel for check in and short time to rest.</p> <p>Continuation to Van Lam Village, take a rowing boat trip into beautiful landscapes with channels meandering between high rocks and grottoes and gaze with veneration at scenery of Tam Coc Caves adorned with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites in different shapes and colours, sparkling like gemstones. Following by visit to Bich Dong Pagodas, built from the year of 1707, located on the rocky hill surrounded by tranquil and pure space.</p> <p>After full day of wallowing in marvelous nature, drive back to hotel and free time at hotel. (B,D)</p>	NINH BINH
Day 5	<p>NINH BINH - HA LONG BAY By A/C Car 170km & wooden Junk</p>	<p>Breakfast at your hotel free until check for driving to Halong Bay.</p> <p>Check in and short time to rest.</p> <p>Transfer to the Marina for a cruising tour 5 hours by a big wooden Junk on Halong Bay, this is a golden time for your voyage - a masterpiece of Nature is dawning in the bright morning sunlight.</p> <p>Ha Long Bay is constituted by 3000 small and big islands of all shapes.</p> <p>In 1994 UNESCO classified Halong Bay as a World Natural Heritage and in November 2000, the World Heritage Committee reconfirmed this classification, your excursion to Halong Bay will re-evaluate the classification of UNESCO to this fairyland</p> <p>In the book intituled "Wonders of the World" published in 1950. The French marshal Lyautey compared it with Venice rocks in the "Letters of Tonkin and Madagascar" (June 24, 1895).</p> <p>The French novelist Yvonne Schultz did not hesitate to praise the miraculous beauty of this bay:</p> <p><i>All heights and ten thousand forms; imagination, imitation, pagodas, Hindu temples, menhirs, Chinese towers, pieces of chess-board or true immense mountain. And the extraordinary flows simulating the ruined keeps, the broken down bastions, a succession of palaces with the open belly and tribes of mutilated idols.</i></p> <p>HALONG BAY is nearly a hidden bay with thousands of limestone islands</p>	HA LONG Bay

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		<p>densely rising from the blue jade water in a sea area of over 1500 square kilometers. Its 1969 green islands enfeeble the strong winds blowing from the ocean to leave the transparent water of the bay often calm in cool and healthy air. From time to time, sailing Junk appearing and disappearing between the islands make the poetic sight more colorful like sparkling pearls or coral reefs found out in the bay. The beauty of the bay is not monotone, at different positions of viewing, it will astonish viewers with quite different fascinations. In the caves and grottoes of stone islands, visitors will discover and admire how many impressive stalactites and stalagmites. The caves have strange but very accurate names, have their own legends in their names as Thien Cung (Heaven Palace) grotto, Dau Go (Wooden Head) grotto, stop-over to visit the caves, your sailing Junk will continue to visit around the shapely islets of fighting cock, incense-burner and others. Landing in Titop Islet, there is the calm and so clean sand & transparent beaches, somewhat little rocky mountains and a beautiful tall terrace, enjoy sun-sea bathing there that always waits to give you the most wonderful sea bathing in calm, transparent water under the sunlight.</p> <p>Fresh sea-food is very available on board (not included), the Junk sailing back to Marina, turn back your hotel for overnight. (B)</p>	
Day 6	<p>HA LONG Bay - CAT BA Island</p>	<p>In the morning , after breakfast, free until check out and enjoy a cruising travel to Cat Ba island – attractive for its natural beauty and wonders endowed by nature, IS the biggest island (100km²) out of the 366 islands on the Lan Ha Bay. Right from the moment visitors set foot on Cat Ba gangway, looking afar to contemplate the enchanting scenery of immense sky and magnificent mountains and breathing the fresh air from the sea, visitors will feel comfortable and their tiredness after a long trip will disappear. Surely, visitors want to go on with their journey at once.</p> <p>Check-in and enjoy your free time in a beautiful island with a wonderful beach. (B)</p>	<p>CAT BA ISLET</p>
Day 7	<p>FREECARE FULLDAY IN CAT BA ISLAND</p>	<p>Free day in Cat Ba for relaxing at the beach. After breakfast, take your time to free at leisure, the unspoiled beaches of Cat Co I, II, III in Catba Island are so transparent water, often calm and healthy air, you would enjoy yourself a free-care fullday to sun-sea bathing on beach or just relax yourself and lazing around to discover the exotic sightseeings spectacularly .Let's making the most of unforgettable senses of the restful days truly in your life. (B)</p>	<p>CAT BA ISLET</p>
Day 8	<p>CATBA - HAI PHONG - HANOI Boat Car 82 km</p>	<p>In the morning take your free time to go around until check out at noon .Transfer to harbour for taking hydrofoil ETD15hrs to Hai Phong ETA16hrs and then go straightly to Hanoi for overnight (B)</p>	<p>HA NOI</p>
Day 9	<p>FLY BACK HOME FROM HANOI</p>	<p>After breakfast, take time to free at leisure until the time of check-out (at noon), you would say Good-bye Vietnam, Good-bye Indochina for a flight back home today. We will transfer you to the Noi Bai airport whenever at</p>	

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		your most convenience departure time of VN792 ETD at 19.10hrs , so you surely have plentiful memories of IndoChina countries. We would like to thank you very much for your business. Have a safe flight back home ! be sure all our people are your best friends alway and beyond. May we will meet and honoured welcome you have other voyages to IndoChina in the days coming, continuing to discover, to experience the endless imposing landscapes, then get the really restful moments in a diversified World and a this colourful Subregion of Mekong River: VIETNAM – LAOS – CAMBODIA – THAILAND - MYANMAR ! (B)	

❖ Tour rate:

HOTELS CATEGORY	Prices are nett in USD per pax in group of									S/S
	2	3	4-6	7-10	11-14	15+1	20+1	25+1	Half board of 5 Dinners	
DELUXE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
FIRST CLASS	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA
SUPERIOR	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA

INCLUSIVE OF:	EXCLUSIVE OF:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private-transportation between areas by air-conditioned vehicle, boat, hydrofoil as indicated in the itinerary. • Accommodation based on twin - sharing room with daily breakfast. • Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary on traveling days. • English speaking guide on traveling days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International & airport taxes. • Visa arrangement fee. • Travel insurance. • Personal expense such as telephone calls, fax, laundry, beverages and meals, and highlights or sightseeings which are not indicated in the program. • Meals (L & D) at local restaurants during tour. (see above option) • Extra fee for German / Spanish speaking guides. • Excess baggage charges. • Tips to guides and drivers.

HOTEL LIST

CITIES	DELUXE	FIRST CLASS	SUPERIOR
HANOI	MELIÁ 5 Stars (Deluxe) www.solmelia.com www.meliahanoi.com.vn HORISON 5 Stars (Superior) www.hanoihorisonhotel.com.vn	SUNWAY 4 Stars (Superior) www.sunway-hotel.com GUOMAN 4 Stars (Deluxe) www.guomanhanoi.com.vn	SAI GON 3 Stars (ROH) { HYPERLINK "http://www.saigonhotel-hn.com" } THIEN THAI 3 Stars (Superior) www.thienthaihotel.com

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NINH BINH	THE LONG 3 Stars (Superior) THUY ANH 3 Stars (Superior)		
HALONG Bay	HALONG PLAZA 4 Stars (Superior) www.saigonhalonghotel.com	MITHRIN 4 Stars (ROH) www.mithrinhotelhalong.com.vn	HALONG BAY 3 Stars (ROH) BACH DANG 3 Stars (ROH) www.bachdanghotelqn.com
CAT BA ISLAND	HOLIDAY VIEW 3 Stars (Standard) holidayviewhotel@vnn.vn SUNFLOWER 3 Stars (Superior) Sunfloweronehotel.com.vn		

CONDITIONS OF TOUR

- 1. Validity :** Tour Rates will be validated to SEPT 2006 The above prices are not valid on Christmas – New Year Day and Lunar New Year periods.
- 2. Payment method :**
 - + By **credit card plus surcharge for bank fee such as** Visa or Master (3%), American Express Card (4.5%) and JCB (4%)
 - + By **Telegraphic Transfer Remittance:** Please plus **25 USD** of Bank Charges to The Total Amount for every time of payment.

Beneficiary : KIEU PHUONG THAO
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At **VIETNAM EXPORT IMPORT JOIN-STOCK BANK**
SWIFT CODE : **EBVIVNVX**
Address of bank : 7 Le Thi Hong Gam St., Dist.1, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM
- 3. Notes of payment :**
 - + All the above prices are **NETT** and **exclusive of any bank charge** for transferring the money to your account to ours or **surcharge if payment by credit card.**
 - + Please be informed that payment by **Bank Draft** is not accepted.
- 4. Deposit :** Deposit representing 30% estimated charges for the whole is to be submitted to TOAN VINH when confirm and the balance will be paid at least 15 days prior to arrival.
- 5. Rooming List :** A rooming list for the above group must be submitted to the hotel at least 30 days prior to the group's or as soon as it is available.
- 6. Cut-off Date :** 30 days prior to group's arrival.
- 7. Cancellation Policy:**
 - Within 30 days prior to arrival, 30% charge will be applied.
 - Within 21 days prior to arrival, 50% charge will be applied
 - Within 14 days prior to arrival, 70% charge will be applied
 - Within 7 days prior to arrival, 100% charge will be applied

NOTES ON THE TOUR :

- Passengers will have to pay all expenses of any change, which is made by the Clients themselves during the on-going tour.
- During the on-going tour, any cut of services, which is made by Passengers themselves, will not be refunded in money.