

5 DAYS NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT OF VIETNAM

- Duration: 05Days/04Nights
- Tour code: **VN5D-01**
- Highlights: Hanoi – City Tour – Halong Bay – Ninh Binh – Shopping

DAY 01: HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel. *The transfer distance is approximately 40 minutes.*

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.

Late afternoon, visit **Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple** located on an islet in the lake. Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name “Returned Sword” comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle. Shop or walk at leisure in the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets.

Meals: No Meal

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 02: HANOI – HALONG BAY

Morning, start a city tour beginning with **Ho Chi Minh Complex** which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation’s founder. At the complex, visit **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** where the nation’s founder’s body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November), the colonial **Presidential Palace**, originally the French Governor Office and a fine example of French architecture in Hanoi, and the rural style Ho Chi Minh’s house on stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Stop by one of Hanoi’s icons, **the One Pillar Pagoda**, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Avalokiteshvara or Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. Continue to **the Temple of Literature**, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars.



Afternoon, transfer to Ha Long Bay which is about 160 km or 3.5 hour drive away. Moving through the countryside on the way will bring you a clear perspective of a country’s whose 80% of population live on farming. Have a quick rest stop en route before reaching Ha Long City. Check in hotel then spend time at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A hotel used in Ha Long

DAY 03: HALONG – HANOI

Morning, breakfast at hotel between 6-7 AM, transfer to the dock for boarding a cruise boat to explore the legendary Ha Long Bay. Ha Long means Descending Dragon in Vietnamese as legend has it that a holly dragon landed down here from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world’s wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km². The boat will stop at Dau Go Island for you to visit **Thien Cung Cave** (Heaven Palace) and **Dau Go Cave** (Wooden Stakes). **Dau Go Cave** in 13th Century was a depot to store pointed wooden stakes, which later were used by Vietnamese great military commander **Tran Hung Dao** to trap and puncture Mongolian naval boats in famous battles of Bach Dang. Return to the dock, disembark and travel back to Hanoi.

Afternoon, drive back Hanoi and shopping in Hanoi Old Quarter. Evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 04: HANOI – NINH BINH

Option1: Full – day Tam Coc & Bich Dong

Morning, transfer to Ninhbinh province - located 110km from Hanoi to the South. Tam Coc - Bich Dong is a popular tourist destination near the city of Ninhbinh in northern Vietnam. Along Hoang Long River, vast limestone cliffs rising out of the rice paddies make Tam Coc somehow similar to Halong Bay, or on-land Halong Bay as described. A river trip to Tam Coc and through the three caves of Tam Coc is so wonderful for photo hunters, especially when ripping rice season is coming. Next to Tam Coc is Hoa Lu, the relics of the ancient capital of Vietnam during 10th century. Remains of this capital town are temples dedicated to the two heroes: Dinh King and Le King who were the founders of Hoa Lu as the citadel.



Option2: Full – day Trang An

Morning, depart from your hotel for Ninh Binh province, 98 kilometers South of Hanoi. You will call in a Buddhist complex called Bai Dinh, the largest of its kind in Vietnam, which consists of an original old pagoda and a series of newly built pagodas in Gia Vien District. It boasts hundreds of statues and a variety of architectural works.

Proceed to visit Trang An Eco-tourism Complex where a boat trip will take you through a scenic landscape of mountains, fields and rivers to a series of caves including Sang Cave, Toi Cave, Ba Giot Cave, Nau Ruou. Trang An is also called “an inland Ha Long” for its strikingly similar terrain of rugged rocky mountains rising up from the lush wetland and constituting a magnificent maze.

Afternoon, transfer back to Hanoi. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 05: HANOI – DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Date: 01 Mar 2017 to 30Apr 2017 and 01 Oct 2017 to 30Apr 2018

<u>VN5D-01</u>	<u>ALL RATES ARE NET IN US\$ PERSON</u>										
GROUP SIZE	1 PAX	2 PAX	3-5 PAX	6-9 PAX	10-14 PAX	15+1 PAX	20+1 PAX	25+1 PAX	30+2 PAX	35+2 PAX	S/S
First class – 3*	595	310	244	164	144	127	116	109	103	99	76
Premium – 4*	669	347	281	201	181	161	149	142	135	130	113
Deluxe – 5*	876	450	385	305	284	258	245	237	226	221	216

Date: 01 May 2017 to 30 Sept 2017 and 01 May 2018 to 30 Sept 2018

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First class – 3*	589	307	241	161	141	122	111	104	99	94	73

Premium – 4*	654	339	274	194	173	153	141	134	127	123	105
Deluxe – 5*	801	413	347	267	247	221	209	201	191	187	178

REMARKS

- Kindly note that we not include entrance fee and any meal except breakfast at hotel. If you want to add on, please see below for supplement

SUPPLEMENT FOR ENTRANCE FEE AND MEAL

ENTRANCE FEE	MEAL (INDIAN & VEGETARIAN)	
	FIT (< 10pax)	GIT (≥ 10pax)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ngoc Son temple: US\$ 1.5/pax • Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum: US\$ 2/pax • Temple of Literature: US\$ 1.5/pax • Halong Bay : US\$ 13/pax • Tam Coc (or Trang An): US\$ 11/pax • Dinh Le Temple: US\$ 1/pax 	Lunch: US\$ 12/pax Dinner: US\$ 14/pax	Lunch: US\$ 11/pax Dinner: US\$ 12/pax

INCLUDE:

- ❖ Hotel accommodation with breakfast and based on twin or triple sharing
- ❖ Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- ❖ Experienced English speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- ❖ Private board for sightseeing in Halong Bay in 04 hours & Ninh Binh
- ❖ Mineral water is available as complementary
- ❖ Complementary Vietnam Visa approval letter
- ❖ **01 FOC for tour leader from group 15+1, 02 FOC for tour leader from group 30+2 (based on twin sharing)**

EXCLUDE:

- ❖ Airfare (international and domestic) and airport tax
- ❖ Drinks and other meals not clearly mentioned
- ❖ **Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary**
- ❖ Visa stamping fee at the airport (25US\$ for single visa to Vietnam, paid by cash at the airport)
- ❖ Surcharge for special request on food, and meals.
- ❖ Insurance, gratuities and personal expenses
- ❖ Tipping for guide and driver
- ❖ Surcharge for public holidays (if any)
- ❖ All other service not stated in the program
- ❖ Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve: TBA

TOUR POLICY & NOTES:

- ❖ Infant below 2 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- ❖ Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- ❖ Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- ❖ Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%

TIPPING FOR GUIDE AND DRIVER (PAID DIRECTLY TO GUIDE)

- ❖ US\$ 15/pax for 03-04nights itinerary

❖ US\$ 25/pax for longer itinerary (05nights above)

SURCHARGE FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR:

- Surcharge for booking during Lunar New Year from **14.Feb 2018 ~ 20 Feb 2018:**
 - US\$25/ pax/ day for FIT booking from 1-4pax
 - US\$15 / pax/ day for FIT booking from 5-9pax
 - US\$10 / pax/ day for GIT booking from 10pax up

HOTEL CATEGORY:

Area	First Class (3*)	Premium (4*)	Deluxe (5*)
Hanoi	Larosa Hanoi Hotel <i>Deluxe</i> www.larosahotel.com OR Adamas Hanoi hotel <i>Deluxe</i> www.adamashanoihotel.com	Sunway Hanoi Hotel <i>Superior</i> www.sunwayhotel.com OR Fortuna Hotel <i>Deluxe Room</i> www.fortuna.vn	Nikko Hanoi Hotel <i>Deluxe</i> www.nikkohanoi.com.vn OR Pullman Hanoi Hotel <i>Standard Room</i> www.pullmanhanoi.com
Ha Long	New Star Hotel <i>Superior</i> www.newstarhotel.com OR City Bay Palace Hotel <i>Superior</i> www.citybayhotel.com	Saigon Ha Long Hotel <i>Superior</i> www.saigonhotel.com OR Ha Long Dream Hotel <i>Deluxe</i> www.halongdream.com	Muong Thanh QN Hotel <i>Deluxe</i> www.muongthanh.com OR Wyndham Ha Long Hotel <i>Superior</i> www.wyndham.com