

Round trip: Viet Nam authentic tourism programme

Duration: 21 days - 20 nights

Itinerary:

Day 1: Welcome to Viet Nam (G)

Take a flight to Ha Noi. Welcome at the airport of Ha Noi by our guide and transfer to the hotel to check-in and relax afterwards. Overnight in Ha Noi.

Day 2: Ha Noi city tour (B,L,D,G)

Full day city tour in Ha Noi. Visit the 36 old-quarter of Ha Noi and Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword), the The Huc Bridge, Ngoc Son Temple. In the afternoon, visit the Temple of Literature and Tran Quoc pagoda. In the evening, enjoy water puppet show. Overnight in Ha Noi.

Day 3: Ha Noi - Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong (B,L,G)

After breakfast, leave Ha Noi for Ninh Binh to get on a hand-rowed sampan ride on Ngo Dong River with limestone cliffs jutting out of wet rice paddies to visit "Tam Coc" caves.

The beautiful landscapes make this place also be called "Ha Long Bay inland".

After lunch, leave Ninh Binh for Cuc Phuong National Park to check-in and relax afterwards. Overnight at Cuc Phuong National Park.

Day 4: Cuc Phuong National Park (B,G)

Visit Pre-historic Man Cave and one thousand year-old tree in the morning. Free time in the afternoon. Overnight at Cuc Phuong National Park.

Day 5: Cuc Phuong National Park - Ha Long Bay (B,L,D,G)

Morning, leave Cuc Phuong national park for Ha Long Bay in early morning. At 12:00 o'clock get on board sightseeing magical Ha Long Bay with its over 3,000 islands and islets dotting an emerald green sea. Full day visit Surprise Cave. Swimming & sunbathing at Titov beach and enjoy fresh sea-food lunch. Have fresh sea-food dinner on a wooden Junk. Overnight on a wooden Junk.

Day 6: Ha Long Bay - Ha Noi - Lao Cai, Sapa (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast, discover Ha Long Bay with a small boat. Swimming, visiting beach or a lagoon cave by kayaking. Continue cruising the spectacular of the Bay. Cruise back and brunch then check-out and disembark. Transfer back to Ha Noi for your night train from Ha Noi to Lao Cai, Sapa.

Overnight on train.

Day 7: Sapa (B,L,D,G)

Morning, arrival in Lao Cai railway station and transfer to Sapa by vehicle (38 km). Check-in at the hotel (If rooms are available) and have a rest. In the afternoon, you will experience the

colorful Sapa market where women from different ethnic minority groups come to the town to sell their products and then visit to Sapa church and Ham Rong mountain. Overnight in Sapa.

Day 8: Sapa - Ta Van (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast, we start trekking (12 km) along a small path down the valley to Muong Hoa river and visit the Black H'mong in Lao Chai. Black H'mong is one of the biggest minority group in Sa pa town. They are proud of their cultures and keep their original traditions, way of living. They have their own language ,wear traditional indigo blue clothing...continue to go to Ta Van village to visit the Zay People. Zay is a fairly small minority group of 38.000.people who live in the mountains in the North-West, Viet Nam. Zay houses are built by in wood and bamboo with clay floor. Overnight at Ta Van homestay.

Day 9: Ta Van (B,L,D,G)

Ta Van homestay. Overnight at Ta Van homestay.

Day 10: Ta Van - Ta Phin (B,L,D,G)

Overland to Ta Phin village of Red Dao hill tribe. Overnight at homestay at Ta Phin.

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Day 12: Ta Phin - Sapa - Lao Cai - Ha Noi (B,G)

Back to Sapa to overland to Lao Cai for your night train from Lao Cai back to Ha Noi. Overnight on train.

Day 13: Ha Noi - Hue (B,L,D,G)

Welcome at Ha Noi railway station, have breakfast at a local "PHO" restaurant then transfer to Ha Noi airport for your flight to Hue. Welcome at Hue airport and transfer to the hotel to check-in. In the afternoon, get on board to have a boat ride on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda, the Citadel. Overnight in Hue.

Day 14: Hue city tour (B,L,G)

Visit Minh Mang and Khai Dinh royal tomb in the morning. Have lunch then continue our visit to Thanh Toan covered bridge and Bao Quoc pagoda in the afternoon. Overnight in Hue.

Day 15: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An (B,L,D,G)

Leave Hue for Hoi An via the scenic Hai Van Pass with a stop to view the spectacular panorama of the central coastline. Stop on the way to take photos and have a look at Marble carving workshop and Cham Museum. Arrive in Hoi An in the afternoon which was an international port city in 17th & 18th century.

Overnight at homestay in Hoi An.

Day 16: Hoi An (B,L,G)

Have a walking-tour to visit Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese old houses, pagodas, assembly halls, Japanese bridge as well as traditional handicraft workshops. Overnight at homestay in Hoi An.

Day 17: Hoi An - My Son - Hoi An (B,G)

Morning visit My Son Holyland of Cham people which built up between 7th–13th century. Afternoon, return to Hoi An ancient town and free at leisure. Overnight at homestay in Hoi An.

Day 18: Hoi An - Da Nang - Sai Gon (B,L,G)

Take a flight to Sai Gon, welcome at the airport and transfer to the hotel to check-in. City tour in Sai Gon Colonial French quarter, the Reunification Palace, War Museum and Ben Thanh market. Overnight in Sai Gon.

Day 19: Sai Gon - Cai Be (B,L,D,G)

Leave Sai Gon for Cai Be in the morning. Board a small motor boat in Cai Be for a river cruise through the winding canals, where you can get a close-up view of the colourful floating markets and daily life on the river. Cross the main branch of the Mekong Delta River for a stroll down the riverbanks, where you can stop at one of the many orchards and sample exotic fruits you picked yourself. Have a cooking class at homestay in Cai Be. Overnight in Cai Be.

Day 20: Cai Be (B,G)

After breakfast, have a bicycle ride around the village to visit some local factories which produce coconut-candy, rice-cracker... Enjoy farewell dinner. Overnight at homestay in Cai Be.

Day 21: Cai Be - Sai Gon - Welcome Home (B,G)

Get back to Sai Gon to have a flight home or next destination. End of service

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