

8D HANOI, SAPA, HALONG BAY (OVERNIGHT CRUISE)

Day 1

Singapore - Hanoi

Upon your arrival in Hanoi, you will receive a warm welcome from our guide as we commence a brief city orientation tour.

Our first stop is the **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi. Next, we'll delve into the renowned **Hanoi Old Quarter**, with its maze of 36 streets offering opportunities to purchase souvenirs for your loved ones. As we navigate through the bustling yet charming streets, you'll experience the daily hustle and bustle of Hanoi life.

We'll traverse streets that still bear the names of shops from the 15th to 18th centuries. Finally, we'll visit **Hoan Kiem Lake**, also known as the **Lake of the Restored Sword**, with its intriguing legends dating back to Emperor Le Loi's victory over the Chinese invaders in the 15th century.

Overnight at Hong Ngoc Dynasty Hotel & Spa or similar
Meal: Dinner

Day 2

Hanoi - Sapa Town

After breakfast, we journey to Sapa, perched 1500 meters above sea level in Vietnam's remote northwest mountains. Known as the "Tonkin Alps," Sapa boasts stunning scenery and diverse culture, with hill tribes and rice terraces dotting the landscape.

Experience the enchanting **Rose Valley**, a feast for the senses with millions of roses in full bloom from March to November, infusing the air with their delightful aroma. In winter, immerse yourself in the charm of peach and plum orchards, reminiscent of Japan's Lunar New Year festivities.

Discover the architectural marvel of **Sa Pa Stone Church**, a testament to well-preserved French colonial design. Admire its Gothic Roman style, featuring intricate details like pyramidal roofs and colorful glass windows.

Indulge in tranquility at **Café In The Clouds**, offering a serene retreat amidst panoramic valley views and drifting mist. Relax in its inviting ambiance while enjoying the view

Overnight at Charm Sapa Hotel or similar
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Sapa

Experience the enchantment of the **Silver Waterfall**, resembling a celestial white dragon, easily accessible by motorbike or car. From its vantage point, enjoy stunning vistas of the surrounding mountains and the pristine forests of Hoang Lien National Park.

Reach new heights at Sapa Heaven's Gate, offering unparalleled views of the northwest mountains and the majestic Hoang Lien Mountain Range.

Conquer Fansipan Mountain, the "Rooftop of Indochina," via cable car and tram ride. Encounter serene gardens, pagodas, and breathtaking panoramas at the summit, making this adventure a Sapa must-do.

Overnight at Charm Sapa Hotel or similar
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Sapa - Hanoi

Bid farewell to Sa Pa as we embark on our journey back to Hanoi. Along the way, immerse yourself once more in the enchanting beauty of the northwest mountains.

Upon reaching Hanoi, delve into the bustling atmosphere of **Dong Xuan market** and explore its vibrant offerings.

Overnight at Hong Ngoc Dynastie Hotel & Spa or similar.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise

At 07:45, we'll collect you from your Hanoi hotel, beginning a scenic four-hour journey through the picturesque **Red River Delta** to Ha Long City.

Upon arrival in Ha Long City, we'll transfer to a beautifully refurbished wooden sailing junk, setting sail through the iconic limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Ha Long Bay. As we cruise, you'll feast on a delectable lunch of fresh, local seafood and have the opportunity to swim and explore some of the mesmerizing limestone caves.

As the sun begins to set, we'll anchor near a remote island for the night, where you'll complete check-in registration and settle into your accommodations on board.

Here's a glimpse of the itinerary:

- 12:45: Cruise commences
- 13:00: Enjoy a scrumptious lunch on deck
- 13:30: Sail through Ha Long Bay, visiting notable landmarks like **Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island**, and **Sung Sot Cave**. Take a dip at Soi Sim Beach or TiTov Beach.

- 17:30: Relax and witness the stunning sunset
- 19:30: Indulge in a delightful dinner on board
- 21:00: Engage in fishing or unwind and spend the night on deck

*For those opting for kayaking, there's a picturesque route from Titov Beach to Luon Cave (or from Bo Nau Cave to Soi Sim Beach to TiTov) after exploring Sung Sot Cave.

Overnight at Le Journey Luxury Cruise or similar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Halong Bay Cruise - Hanoi

- 7:00 AM: Begin the day with a selection of cake, coffee, tea, or milk.
- 8:00 AM: Embark on a journey to **Luon Cave** aboard a small bamboo boat, then cruise past notable landmarks such as **Man's Head Island** and **Tortoise Island** from the Junks.
- 9:00 AM: Organize luggage and complete check-out procedures.
- 9:30 AM: Enjoy a satisfying brunch on board.
- 11:30 AM: Return to Halong Wharf.

Afterward, return to Hanoi to visit the iconic **St. Joseph Cathedral**, an architectural marvel designed by Bishop Puginier between 1884 and 1886, reminiscent of Notre Dame de Paris.

Explore **Ba Dinh Square**, the largest square in Vietnam, featuring a flag tower at its center and hosting various national events, meetings, and parades.

Overnight at Hong Ngoc Dynastie Hotel & Spa or similar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Hanoi - Tam Coc - Hanoi

Journey south to Ninh Binh city, a 2.5-hour drive from Hanoi. Upon arrival in Hoa Lu, we'll explore the **Ancient Capital**, including two temples dedicated to Emperor Dinh Tien Hoang and Emperor Le Dai Hanh. Capture the stunning panorama of Hoa Lu from a scenic viewpoint.

Then, we'll visit the **Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex**, often dubbed the "Ha Long Bay on land." This **UNESCO World Heritage Site** boasts breathtaking natural and cultural features, including caves, mountains, valleys, and historic relics.

Overnight at Hong Ngoc Dynastie Hotel & Spa or similar.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Hanoi - Singapore

Following breakfast at the hotel, you'll have free time for your leisure activities until check-out. Then, transfer to the airport for your flight back to Singapore.

Details

Inclusions

- Hotel accommodations
- International flights
- Transportation arranged as per the itinerary
- Meals included as indicated
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees covered where applicable
- Complimentary drinking water provided on board

Details

Exclusion

- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for the local guide and driver at USD4 per person per day.