



Authentic Vietnam

15 days / 14 nights

Highlights of tour:

Trekking to Fansipan, contact with minority people, discover the Imperial city of Hue, the ancient town of Hoi An, the Mekong Delta & live in an authentic life of Vietnam.

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi (D)

Welcome to Vietnam, arrival at Hanoi airport, after immigration and customs formalities, you'll be met by your personal guide and driver, then transfer into the city. Upon arrival, check-in to hotel.

A cyclo (rickshaw) trip around with 36 streets of Hanoi ancient town gives you a chance to explore the different local way of life.

Enjoy the Water Puppet Show in the evening.

Welcome dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 2: Hanoi-Lao Cai (B,L,D)

All day city tour Hanoi to visit: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum, President Palace, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, West Lake, Quan Thanh Temple, Tran Quoc Pagoda. After lunch at local restaurant, Visit a complex of the Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple (Jade mountain Temple), But Tower (Pen - shaped tower), Dai Nghien (Ink Stand), the Red - painted wooden The Huc Bridge...

Transfer to Hanoi station for overnight train to Sapa. **Overnight on train.**

Day 3: Lao Cai-Coc Ly-Sapa (B,L,D)

You arrive in Lao Cai early morning. After breakfast and a little break in a local restaurant, transfer to Coc Ly market (Open every Tuesday morning) by car, arriving in time to enjoy the very colorful H'mong market in Northern Vietnam. This weekly outdoor gathering isn't just a chance to buy and sell goods; it's also the social highlight of the week for ethnic groups from all over the area. Lunch at a local restaurant. After the market, you will take a boat for a nice cruise on Chay River. Transfer to the old French hill station of Sapa in the afternoon. **Overnight in Sa Pa.**

Day 4: Sapa (B,L,D)

(Easy trek / 4 hours)

After breakfast at a local restaurant, we go to Lao Chai village (08kms from Sapa), which is inhabited by the Black Hmong hill tribe.

We trek through terraced rice fields, follow the buffalo paths... in the village from Lao Chai to Ta Van, the only village in the Sa Pa valley where the Giay minority lives. In Ta Van we enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our guide in a local house. After lunch we continue our walk through the bamboo forest before reaching Giang Ta Chai, where we have the opportunity to meet the Red Dao minority people. A vehicle will be awaiting us in Giang Ta Chai and take us back to Sa Pa. **Overnight at the hotel.**

Day 5: Sapa-Tram Ton-2.400m (B,L,D)

You are having a couple of interesting days waiting ahead. You travel by car toward the Silver Waterfall where you will be able to take a short walk to the waterfall. You will then drive further to Heaven Gate, the highest peak of roads in Vietnam. From there you can see Fansipan, the highest peak of Indochina mountains as well as enjoy stunning views. The trek will be relatively soft until lunchtime. After a couple of hours of hiking, you will have a break at a nice spot in the forest and enjoy a good lunch. With new energy you start ascending as well as descending towards the campsite. En route you have many opportunities to enjoy the scenery and magnificent views to Sapa area and beautiful landscape of Lai Chau province. You will arrive to the campsite at 2900m ASL in the late afternoon. Now it is time to relax and enjoy a well prepared dinner. **Overnight in tent.**

Day 6: 2.400m-The Top of Fansipan-2.400m (B,L,D)

After having breakfast, you climb to the top, where you can celebrate your victory. From there, you can enjoy the best view to beautiful sceneries. You will then trek through rainforest to go back to the campsite for lunch. After lunch, you start your journey back. **Dinner & overnight in tent.**

Day 7: 2.400m-Sapa-Lao Cai (B,L,D)

Today, you follow the trail as well as stone steeps built by Hoang Lien National Park until you meet your car, which is there to take you back to Sapa. In the afternoon you will arrive back in Sapa, where

you can celebrate your achievement and relax. Late afternoon, transfer to Lao Cai Station for overnight back to Hanoi. **Overnight on train.**

Note: This day, you will have 01 room for washing before transfer to Lao Cai Station.

Day 8: Hanoi-Ha Long (B,L,D)

Arrival in Hanoi early morning, meet our guide and transfer to a local restaurant for breakfast, you'll be driven about 3hrs to famous and magnificent Ha Long Bay. Here you'll board a charming Junk where you'll have lunch as you set sail for Titop Island. Spend the afternoon sailing through the 3,000 limestone pinnacles piercing the emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin.

Ha Long Bay is one of Vietnam's most incredible natural wonders and was proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You'll anchor at Titop this evening before an on-deck candlelight dinner featuring gourmet cuisine. **Overnight on a Junk.**

Note: The cabins on board are simple, comfortable, clean, air-conditioned, and outfitted with their own and hot shower. This is a join-in cruise (possibility to book a private junk).

Day 9: Ha Long-Ninh Binh (B,L,D)

You will begin this morning with a sunrise breakfast before your exploration of Luon Cave (Tunnel cave) by sampan. Then continue to visit another part of Bay (Bai Tu Long Bay). Lunch on board. You will disembark the Junk and transfer to Ninh Binh, stop on the way to visit Pho Minh pagoda. Arrive Ninh Binh late afternoon and drop off at hotel. Overnight at the hotel in Ninh Binh.

Day 10: Ninh Binh-Hanoi-Hue (B,L,D)

In the morning, you will start cycling to Tam Coc. Enjoy the gorgeous limestone karsts and rolling green fields, which gave the area the nickname "Ha Long Bay of the rice paddies". You will climb aboard a tiny boat for a peaceful cruise up the river to Tam Coc, the "three lagoons". Then continue to cycle to Dinh & Le Temples, the ancient Capital of Vietnam through pleasant mountain scenery and beautiful villages. Transfer back to Hanoi in the afternoon. Free at leisure until transfer to Hanoi Station for overnight train **SE1-19:00** to Hue.

Note: This day, you will have 01 room at a hotel for washing after cycling before transfer back to Hanoi.

Day 11: Hue Visit (B,L,D)

Arrival in Hue in the morning, after a breakfast at a local restaurant, you will take a boat trip on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda. Then visit the elaborate tombs of Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh. Afternoon, visit the majestic Imperial Citadel of Hue and finish the day with a visit to Dong Ba

market. Overnight in Hue.

Day 12: Hue-Hoi An (B,L,D)

Drive to Hoi An via scenic Hai Van Pass, where we enjoy the spectacular panorama of the central coastline from the summit. Stop at Lang Co to stretch your legs and enjoy the white sands of this peaceful beach. Arrival the ancient town of Hoi An. Afternoon, explore the old port town's narrow cobblestone streets and visit historic sites including a traditional Chinese trading house, Phuc Kien Pagoda and the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 13: Hoi An-Da Nang-Saigon (B,L,D)

Morning, you'll be transferred to Da Nang airport for your flight to Sai Gon. Upon arrival in Sai Gon, you'll be driven hotel. After lunch, you will immediately begin your exploration of Sai Gon, the economic powerhouse of Vietnam. You will visit the Reunification Hall and the former US Embassy. Historically, both buildings symbolize the deep scars of this war-torn country. You also have the chance to see the War Remnant Museum, the Notre Dame Cathedral and general post office which was reportedly designed Gustave Eiffel. Walk amongst the frenzied merchants and buyers of Cho Lon market and visit Thien Hau Pagoda. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Sai Gon.

Day14: Saigon-Cai Be-Vinh Long-Saigon (B,L,D)

Morning, we drive to Cai Be. On arrival, take a boat trip around the famous Cai Be Floating Market and visit local cottages making rice paper, pop-corn. The cruise is across the Mekong River and through the small canals, you can see the real daily life of the local people. Stop at a bonsai and fruit garden for lunch. Continue the boat trip to Vinh Long. Disembark and drive back to Sai Gon. Overnight in Sai Gon.

Day 15: Saigon Departure (B)

Free at leisure until transfer to Saigon airport for your international flight.

Informations

Notes:

- Tourist train (Hanoi-Hue; Hanoi-Lao Cai-Hanoi): Train with A.C, each cabin has 4 soft sleepers. You will have a private cabin for 04 persons).
- Junk in Ha Long: a deluxe junk, private cabin and shared Junk. The cabin is comfortable and has 02 beds, bathroom, hot and fresh water. (Possibility to take a private junk upon request).
- Trekking to Fansipan Mountain: some special services arranged for this Tour as below:
 - Porters will carry foods, coffee, tea, tents, mineral water, tent, passengers' luggage... during the

trek to Fansipan.

- 1 local guide + 01 cook
- Trekking arrangement & equipment: sleeping bag, tent, water, mineral water, foods, fruits...
- Check-In to hotel: 1pm,
- Check-Out from hotel: noon,

Our prices include:

- Accommodation in shared double room at standard hotels (3*), in tent,
- English speaking guide for each area as per program,
- Entry fees for all sightseeing as mentioned on the program,
- Meals mentioned,
- Private car.

Our prices do not include:

- International flights and airport tax, -* Visa for Vietnam,
- drinks, tips, personal expenses,
- all services not clearly mentioned.