



## Flavors of North Vietnam

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **08-04-2026** and is subject to change without notice based on availability and currency fluctuations.

### Private Touring

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- 24-Hour Local Assistance
- Upgrade Accommodation

**Visit:** Ha Noi-Mai Chau-Ninh Binh-Ha Long-Ha Noi

## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01: Arrive Hanoi**

Xin chao! Welcome to Vietnam! Pick up at Noi Bai International Airport by a local guide and transfer to the hotel in Hanoi. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi. Note: The Hotel's check-in time is 14:00

**Meal Plan**

No Meal

**Day 02: Ha Noi**

Morning visit Temple of Literature – the first university of Vietnam built in the 11th century, followed by President Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, his house-on-stilts and the nearby One Pillar Pagoda.

In the afternoon, take a 45-minute cycle ride around the Old Quarter to see the daily life of Hanoians, followed by a walk around Hoan Kiem Lake and a visit to Ngoc Son Temple.

Overnight in Hanoi.

**Note:** Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum opens in the morning only and closes on Mondays and Fridays. Other museums also close on Mondays. Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum closes annually in October and November for maintenance.

**Meal Plan**

Breakfast

**Day 03: Hanoi - Hang Kia - Ban Buoc**

This is a 4-hour drive, including a leg-stretching break en route, to the mountainous plateau of Hang Kia. Hang Kia is in H'mong ethnic lands, a remote village known for its plum trees and the beauty of their flowers. You have lunch at a local home, and will be treated to traditional H'mong delicacies. For this meal and the other in the mountainous area, we will dine in the local way: several dishes of meat and vegetables are served at once with rice and broth on the side. Everyone is served a bowl of rice and then picks here and there with chopsticks some meats and vegetables to eat along with.

After lunch, you will join the Batik workshop of H'mong people to study their unique wax resist dye technique with symbols for expressions of nature and spiritual depictions. This is an introduction to Hmong culture and batik design, offering a rare insight into the richness of Hmong culture in a warm, friendly, family environment. After the workshop, you will bring back your handmade Batik cloth as a memory of H'mong unique crafts. Take your time to walk around the village before driving deeper into the valley until we reach a small hamlet called Ban Buoc.

Overnight at Masion de Buoc.

**Meal Plan**

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### **Day 04: Ban Buoc - Mai Hich**

Wake up in the early morning, this is the best time of day to go for a walk on single trails and enjoy the quaint atmosphere of this lovely piece of countryside. We recommend a 12-kilometer gentle hike to the village of Mai Hich. The opportunity to tread lightly and meet locals along rice fields, hamlets and vegetable gardens. Bicycles are also available if you prefer to make a little exploration on two wheels. We arrive at a local family-run guesthouse in Mai Hich on stilts, where we have lunch and relax. Overnight in Mai Hich

#### **Meal Plan**

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### **Day 05: Mai Hich ??? Cuc Phuong**

In the morning, you'll take the drive to Cuc Phuong National Park. Upon arrival, visit the Visitor Center and the Endangered Primate Rescue Center, dedicated to the rehabilitation, breeding, research, and conservation of endangered primates. Today, it is home to over 140 primates in 15 species and subspecies, including six species that are kept only here and in no other facility in the world. Take a 2.5-hour hike to visit the 1000-year-old tree. You have a chance to understand many different kinds of trees and plants, animals and insects. On the way back, visit the Prehistoric Man Cave where ancient people lived 7,500 years ago.

Overnight in Cuc Phuong.

#### **Meal Plan**

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### **Day 06: Cuc Phuong ??? Ha Long Bay**

After breakfast, say farewell to the host and depart for Ha Long Bay, one of the most stunning natural wonders of Vietnam, a picturesque blend of harmonious transition between the mountains and the sea. On arrival, board a traditional junk and head out into the Gulf of Tonkin amongst the huge limestone outcrops and emerald waters. Lunch is served onboard while the junk cruises through a scenic part of the bay.

In the afternoon, we reach a less-travelled area where we will devote ourselves to pure relaxation. The program is not fixed and depends on the time of the year and the weather, but there will be an opportunity to visit a cave as well as explore a floating village or do a little bit of kayaking over these 2 days. We end the day on the sundeck as the sun sets on this magical seascape. This evening, you can enjoy an aperitif or attend a cooking demonstration before dinner. Overnight in a comfortable private cabin with an en-suite bathroom.

**Note:** Cruise itinerary and schedule are subject to change due to weather, tide levels and operating conditions. Swimming or kayaking excursions may be cancelled due to poor weather.

### **Meal Plan**

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

### **Day 07: Halong Bay ??? Hanoi**

For those early birds, start the day with a proposed Tai Chi session, while tea and coffee are served as the sun rises and illuminates the surrounding seascape. We then continue our exploration of the bay. Upon returning to the boat, check out of your cabin and enjoy a light brunch while cruising back to the pier. We disembark and transfer back to Hanoi.

Rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight in Hanoi.

### **Hotel Details**

Light Brunch while cruising back to the pier.

### **Day 08: Hanoi departure**

Transfer with a guide to Noi Bai International Airport for the departure flight.

Note: The Hotel's check-out time is 12:00.

### **Meal Plan**

Breakfast

### **Inclusion**

- Accommodation in a twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list above) (check-in and check-out around noon).
- 2 Days/1 Night cruise on board a cruise in Ha Long Bay (shared cabin on shared boat).
- All transfers and transportation with Air-Con vehicles (types of vehicles depend on the number of pax):  
o1-2pax: minivan of 7 seats  
o3-7pax: van of 16 seats
- Local English-speaking guides plus a Shared in-house English-speaking guide on Halong Bay cruise.

- Boat trip - as per program.
- All entrance fees - as per program.
- Meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program.
- 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on the bus - on days of transfer and sightseeing only.
- Government tax and service charge.

### **Exclusion**

- Airfares (international and domestic)
- Meals (other than mentioned in the program)
- Drinks
- Early check-in or late check-out
- Visa - as per country requirements
- Tips
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency
- Mineral water beyond that which is supplied
- Personal Insurance
- Optional excursions and activities
- Items of a personal nature (Phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc.)
- Peak season surcharges, if any
- All not mentioned above

### **Note**

#### **Hotels Used Or Similar**

##### **Standard**

Ha Noi - La Dolce Vita Hotel (Superior)

Mai Chau - MLa Maison De Buoc (Bungalow)

Mai Chau - Mai Hich homestay (Private Room - Shared Bathroom)

Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong National Park (Brick house at park centre)

Ha Long - Syrena Cruise (Deluxe)

Check-in time is 14.00 pm and check-out time is 12.00 pm.

**Important Note: Rates not valid during Lunar New Year from 15 Feb 2026 – 21 Feb 2026.**

### **Surcharge for Peak Season in hotels**

#### **Ha Long**

#### **Syrena Cruise**

From 24-Dec-25 To (Inclusive) 24-Dec-25 - AUD 80 Per Cabin Per Night

From 31-Dec-25 To (Inclusive) 31-Dec-25 - AUD 80 Per Cabin Per Night

From 16-Feb-26 To (Inclusive) 19-Feb-26 - AUD 80 Per Cabin Per Night

From 24-Dec-26 To (Inclusive) 24-Dec-26 - AUD 80 Per Cabin Per Night

From 31-Dec-26 To (Inclusive) 31-Dec-26 - AUD 80 Per Cabin Per Night

#### **Note:**

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#### **Several points to note**

1. The above tour prices are based on our current transportation rates. Increasing petrol rates might affect our transportation and boat fees, in which case we reserve the right to revise our current rates. If any increase should arise, we will, of course keep you well informed.
2. Availability: Please note that if a certain hotel is not available at the time of booking, then we will gladly make alternative suggestions in the same category. We will advise you accordingly with the surcharge, if any. As a result, we would highly appreciate it if you could advise us to block rooms soonest possible to guarantee the rooms and rates during the period of high and peak season.
3. All the above points of interest are open for visit based on current updates. In case of closure for construction or any other reason, we will replace it with a similar point of interest.
4. The above itinerary is based on the current flight schedule. In case of flight changes, the itinerary will be changed accordingly.
5. No early check-in or late checkout is included except those indicated in the program. Generally, the check-in time is 14.00 pm and the check-out time is 12.00 pm.
6. Visas into Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are required except for countries that have signed the visa exemption contracts. Please contact us for visa information details.

Remarks: Passport must be valid 6 months ahead of the time of departure from the visited country

7. Compulsory dinners on Dec 24th (Christmas), Dec 31st (New Year) and applicable public holiday events within your host country will be advised at the time of booking.

**Tour Dates & Pricing****01 Jan 2026 to 30 Apr  
2026****2-3 Pax**

AU\$2,125.00 Per Single

AU\$1,732.14 Per Twin

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**4-5 Pax**

AU\$1,841.27 Per Single

AU\$1,448.41 Per Twin

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**6 plus**

AU\$1,555.56 Per Single

AU\$1,162.70 Per Twin

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**01 May 2026 to 30 Sep  
2026****2-3 Pax**

AU\$2,041.67 Per Single

AU\$1,664.68 Per Twin

AVAILABLE

BOOK

**4-5 Pax**

AU\$1,767.86 Per Single

AU\$1,390.87 Per Twin

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BOOK

**6 plus**

AU\$1,494.05 Per Single

AU\$1,117.06 Per Twin

AVAILABLE

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**01 Oct 2026 to 31 Dec  
2026****2-3 Pax**

AU\$2,125.00 Per Single

AU\$1,732.14 Per Twin

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