

Northern Vietnam-Hanoi-Halong Bay



Day 1: Arrive at Hanoi airport:

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Meet and greet by our local representative, and transfer to your hotel for check in.. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi-Halong:

After breakfast, you will explore Hanoi city to visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Monday, Friday and during the entire months of September & October) and his former residence with Humble House on Stilts (closed on Monday and Friday), One-Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, known as the first university of Vietnam and built more than 1,000 years ago before. Note: During the closure of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum on Every Monday & Friday and whole month of September, October, Tran Quoc Pagoda shall be replaced. After lunch you will drive through the countryside from Hanoi to Halong Bay (165 km east of Hanoi) - a World Heritage Area of outstanding natural beauty, you will experience a rural area dotted with villages, rice fields and farms providing the many parts of the nation with rice, fruits and vegetables. Short rest stop en route, you will reach Halong city after 3.5 hours. Arrival Halong, check in the hotel and free at your own leisure . Overnight at hotel in Halong bay .

Day 3: Halong-Hanoi:

After breakfast in the hotel (6 -7AM), you will be transferred to the port. Embark and start a relaxing in a wonderful cruise through Halong Bay, passing bizarre rock formations. You will discover Halong Bay, listed as a World Heritage of outstanding natural beauty, known in Vietnamese as 'Dragon descending to the sea'. The picturesque Halong Bay has more than 3,000 limestone islets rising from the clear emerald water, many of them containing beautiful grottoes. You will visit Thien Cung situated on the south-west side of the bay, 4 km from the wharf outside of Halong City. The way to

Thien Cung grotto is covered on both sides by thick forest. After entering narrow gate, the grotto's 130-meter-long girth opens up. Getting in you will be more astonished in front of the very animated and splendid beauty which is made from the stalactites. On the east wall of the grotto, there is a grandiose and imposing picture with characters of tales. Going out of the Thien Cung grotto, you will have a sensation of just watching a unique, meticulous, interesting fine-art museum which is made by nature. This grotto is one of the most beautiful ones in Halong Bay. Legend has it, that beautiful young lady named May (cloud), caught the eye of the Dragon Prince and he fell in love with her. They were betrothed, and their wedding lasted seven days and seven nights in the very centre of the grotto. Disembark and transfer back to Hanoi, short rest at Dai Viet or Hong Ngoc or ABC shopping en route back. Arrival Hanoi, you will explore the famous Hanoi old quarter on 36 streets & enjoy your shopping before enjoy a performance of the famous water puppet show. The Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry has roots that date back to the 10th century when it originated in the Red River Delta area of northern Vietnam. The farmers in the region celebrated festivals and harvests by performing this unique art form. Learning to manipulate the puppets is usually a tradition that is passed on as a family secret. It takes a great deal of skill and because the puppeteer's hands are underwater, it is easy for them to hide their methods. The fascinating part is that the central stage is below the water line, and the puppeteers stand in the waist-deep water. A rattan curtain hides them, but they can see the stage and the audience through the bamboo slats. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Day 4:Hanoi-Ninh Binh-Hanoi:

After breakfast, proceed to Ninh Binh province (100km) toward the south of Hanoi to visit Dinh and Le dynasty temples which were built on the site of the Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel then transfer to Tam Coc Town. After lunch you will visit 'Halong Bay on Land'- the same limestone rocks as in Halong Bay but seen from a winding stream through paddy fields instead of the sea. Enjoy spectacular scenery during the boat trip to Tam Coc Grottoes, visit Bich Dong Pagoda before return to Hanoi. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Day 5:Departure:

Free at your own leisure until transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for your international flight home. We hope you had an exciting holiday with us. Making it an affair to remember.



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