

Vietnam Adventure: Mountains, Caves and City Life - 13 Days

13 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Mai Chau - Sapa - Phong Nha - Tu Lan - Ho Chi Minh City

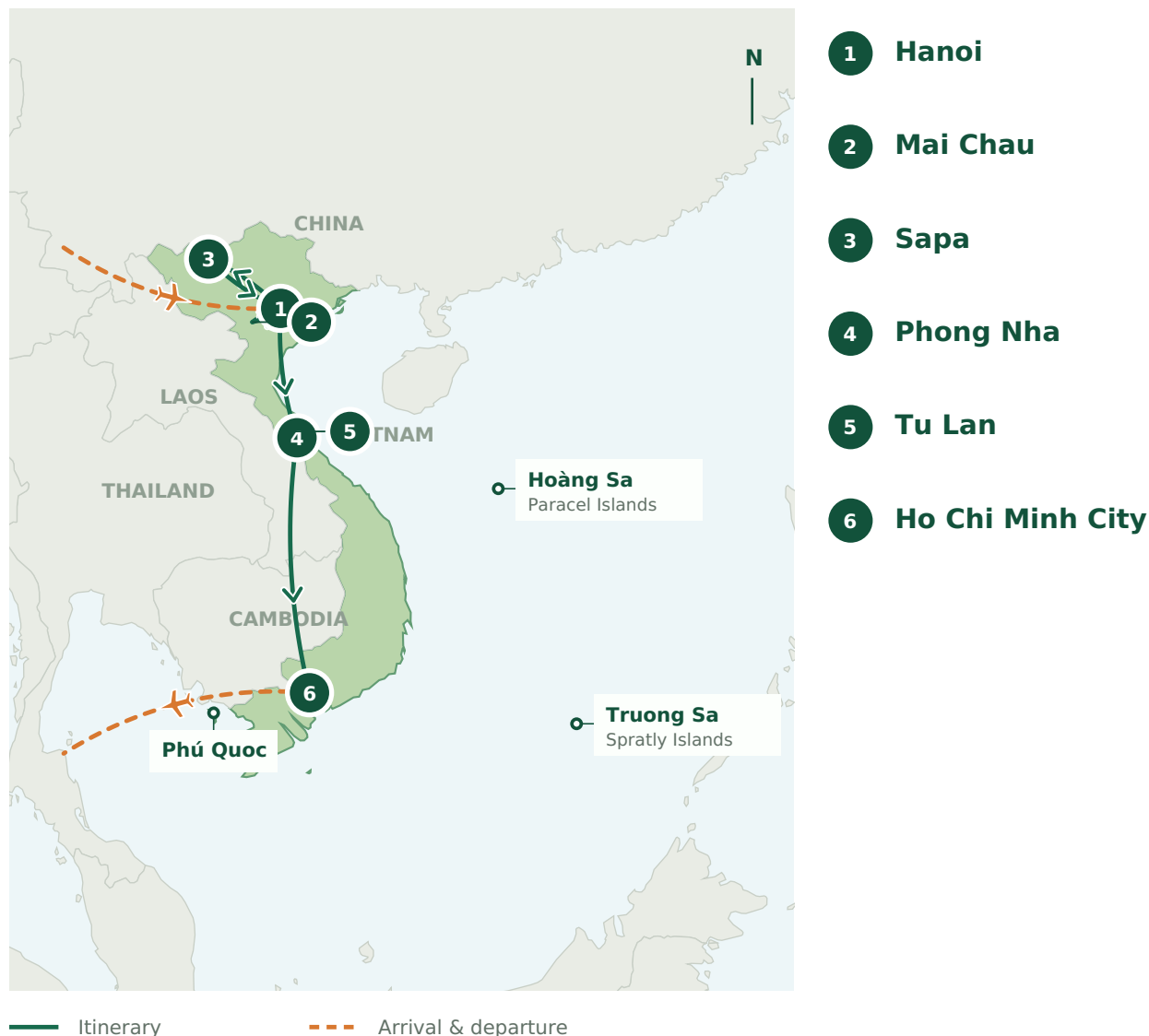
From USD 1,596 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam



Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

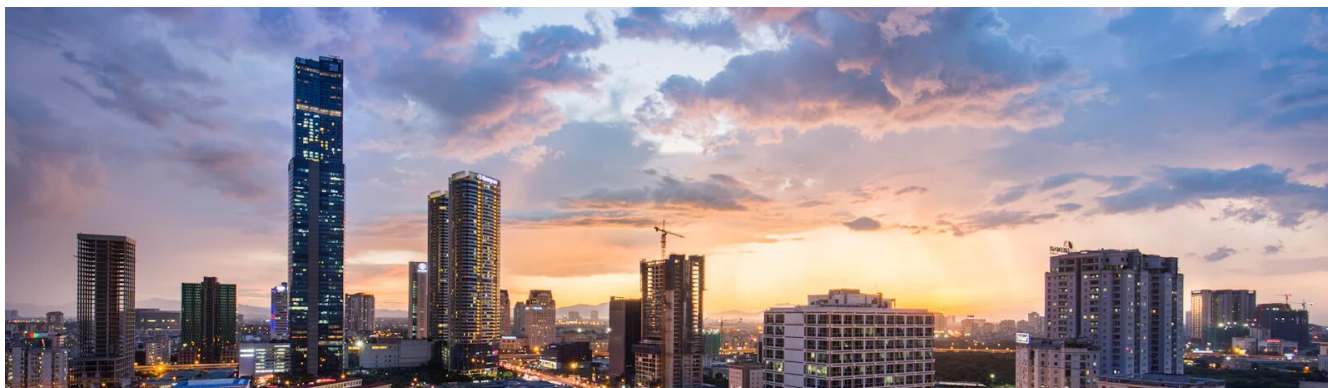
- Shared Vespa tour in Hanoi
- Kayaking on the Da River
- Sapa's rice terraces and villages
- Tu Lan caves with an overnight camp
- Jeep city tour in Saigon

DAY 1**Arrive in Hanoi**

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Your private driver meets you at the airport with a name board and takes you to your accommodation near the Old Quarter. Explore the neighbourhood at your own pace or settle in and rest after your flight.

Overnight in Hanoi.

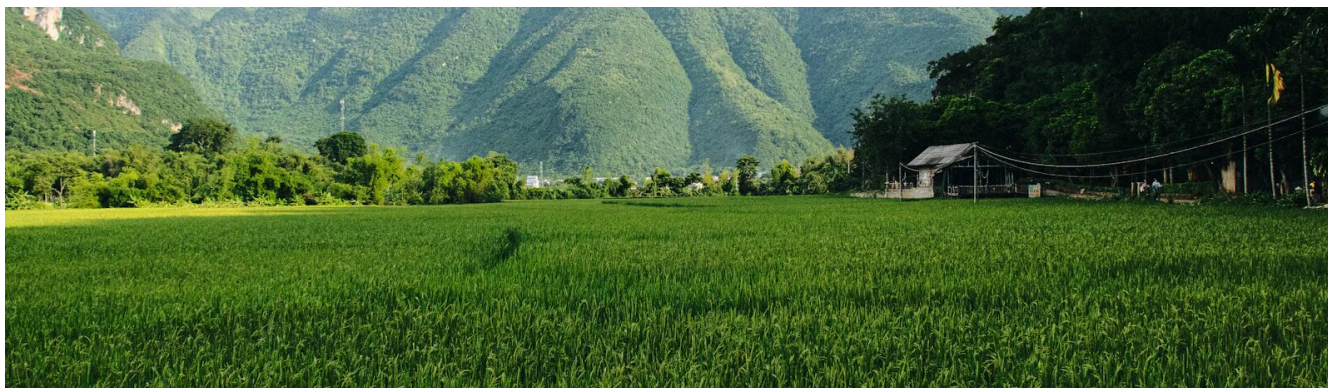
DAY 2**Discover Hanoi by Vespa (B/L)**

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Join a shared Vespa tour through Hanoi's Old Quarter and French Quarter, passing the Opera House and Long Bien Bridge. On an island in the Red River, visit a tucked-away village and a local family, along with banana and vegetable fields and a kumquat plantation.

Continue to Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake, the John McCain Memorial by Truc Bach Lake and the B-52 wreck site at Huu Tiep Lake. See the area around the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, including the Presidential Palace and National Assembly building, and visit the Botanical Garden. Stop for egg coffee beside the railway and a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

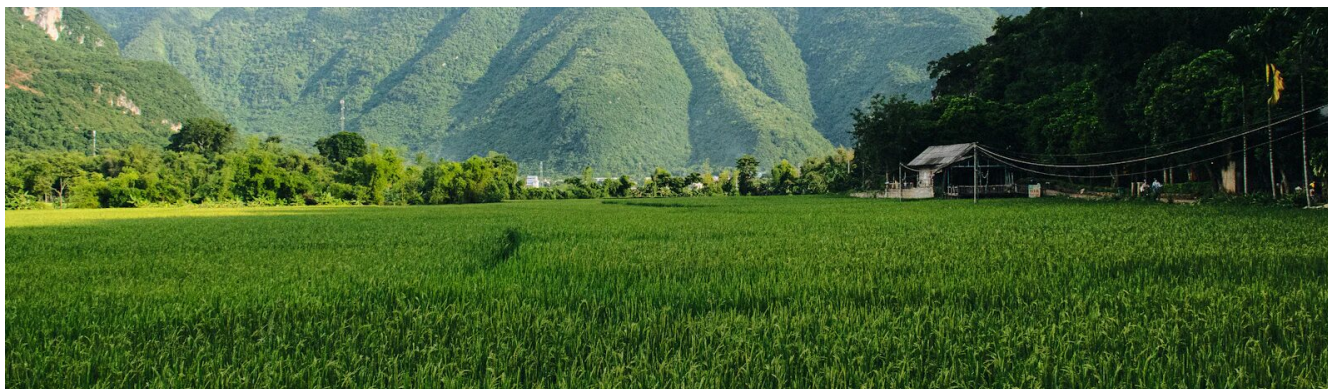
Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Private transfer to Mai Chau (B)**

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After breakfast, your private driver takes you to Mai Chau, a journey of around four hours. Check in, then explore the villages independently and discover the cultures of the valley's ethnic minority communities.

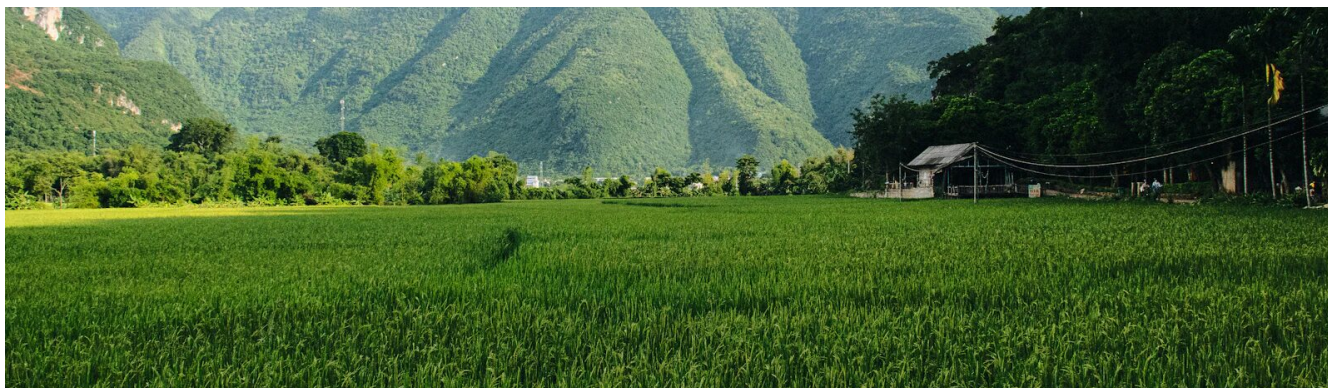
Overnight in Mai Chau.

DAY 4**Kayak on the Da River (B/L)**

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Paddle among limestone islands on the Da River, also known as the Black River. Meet fishermen in a riverside village and learn about their daily lives. Continue by kayak between the islands to Fairy Pond. After a lunch of local dishes, enjoy more paddling before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Mai Chau.

DAY 5**Mai Chau to Hanoi (B)**

Tour photograph · Mai Chau

After breakfast and some free time at the hotel, meet your private driver in the lobby for the return journey to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Sapa and Cat Cat village (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Sapa

You are collected at around 6 am for the bus journey to Sapa. After check-in and lunch, walk approximately 3.5 km to Cat Cat, a Black Hmong village at the foot of Fansipan. Learn about village life, then descend to the waterfall and the old French-era hydroelectric station. Walk back uphill to the road and transfer to your hotel for dinner. The programme rates this walk as easy.

Overnight in Sapa.

DAY 7**Rice terraces and villages, then return to Hanoi (B/L)**

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After breakfast, set off at around 9:30 am for a day of walking through rice terraces. Walk about 6 km to Y Linh Ho and another 2 km to Lao Chai before continuing to the Dzay village of Ta Van. Have lunch with a local family and learn about their homes and way of life.

Walk approximately 2 km to the pick-up point, then return to Sapa by jeep or minivan. Take the afternoon bus to Hanoi, arriving in the evening.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 8**Fly to Dong Hoi and transfer to Phong Nha (B)**

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Your private driver takes you to Hanoi Airport for your domestic flight to Dong Hoi. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation in Phong Nha. The rest of the day is free to relax.

Overnight in Phong Nha.

DAY 9**Tu Lan: trekking and Ken Cave (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Tu Lan

After breakfast, you are collected between 7:30 and 8 am for the roughly 70 km journey to the Oxalis office in Tan Hoa village. Complete the required paperwork, collect your equipment and attend a safety briefing.

Walk about 2.5 km through corn and peanut fields to the Rao Nan River. Cross the river and climb a rocky hill before taking a break in Hung Ton Valley. Have lunch at the entrance to Hung Ton Cave, then cross steep hills to your waterfall-side camp in Tu Lan Valley. Spend the afternoon swimming and exploring Ken Cave. Dinner and overnight at the campsite.

DAY 10**Tu Lan caves, To Mo and Hung Ton (B/L)**

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Hike and swim through Hang Tu Lan and Hang Kim to To Mo Valley, where lunch is served at the camp. Swim into Hung Ton Cave, then climb an approximately 10-metre ladder using safety harnesses. A short walk brings you to a cave entrance overlooking the valley.

Return through Hung Ton Valley, cross the Rao Nan River and walk through peanut and corn fields to the Oxalis office. Transfer back to Phong Nha, arriving at around 6 pm.

Overnight in Phong Nha.

DAY 11**Phong Nha, then fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast in Phong Nha, enjoy free time according to your flight schedule. If time allows, extra visits can be arranged to Phong Nha Cave, Paradise Cave, Blue Diamond Camp, Mooc Spring or Chay River-Dark Cave. These optional activities are not included in the tour price.

Your private driver takes you to Dong Hoi Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 12**Explore Saigon by jeep (B)**

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After breakfast, meet your guide and driver for a city tour in a military-style jeep. At the Reunification Palace, learn about the events of 30 April 1975. Continue to the War Remnants Museum to see its displays of weapons, vehicles and photographs.

Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and the historic Central Post Office, then drive along Dong Khoi and Nguyen Hue. Browse Ben Thanh Market, where you can try bargaining, and visit Bui Vien Street before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 13**Depart from Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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Enjoy breakfast and check out. Depending on your flight time, you may have a chance to browse local markets for souvenirs. Your private driver then takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Dong Hoi with 20 kg of baggage per person.
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- Child airfares follow the airline's conditions; this active itinerary is intended for adults aged 18 and over.
- Experienced English-speaking guide for the planned excursions.
- Other available languages on request for a supplement; please confirm the language used for the cave programme separately.
- Meals as listed in the daily itinerary.
- B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Vegetarian and vegan meals available on request.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Return limousine-bus transfers between Hanoi and Sapa.
- Air-conditioned buses or private vehicles for excursions.
- Sightseeing and admission tickets as listed in the final confirmed daily itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges, government taxes and access to a 24/7 hotline.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights, other flights not listed, and departure taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December and during Tet, where applicable. The festival date will be confirmed when you book.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Vietnam visa fees: the proposal lists USD 25 per person.
- Applicable fees and entry procedures will be confirmed for your travel dates.
- Services not expressly included.
- Additional leisure visits in Phong Nha, unless agreed.

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Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Hanoi

3 stars**San Premium Hotel or similar****4 stars****Tirant Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Oriental Jade Hotel and Spa or similar**

Mai Chau

3 stars**Mai Chau Hideaway or similar****4 stars****Mai Chau Hideaway or similar****5 stars****Mai Chau Hideaway or similar**

Sapa

3 stars**The View Sapa Hotel or similar****4 stars****Amazing Hotel Sapa or similar****5 stars****Silk Path Grand Resort and Spa or similar**

Phong Nha

3 stars**Phong Nha Lake House or similar****4 stars****Phong Nha Lake House or similar****5 stars****Phong Nha Lake House or similar**

Tu Lan

3 stars**Camp in Tu Lan Valley (Day 9)****4 stars****Camp in Tu Lan Valley (Day 9)****5 stars****Camp in Tu Lan Valley (Day 9)**

Ho Chi Minh City

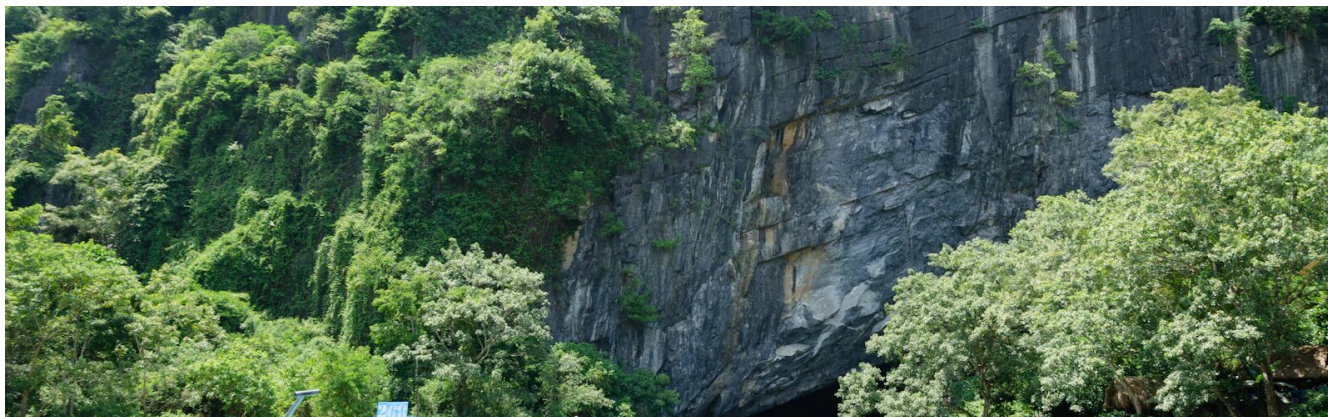
3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Acnos Hotel or similar	Alagon Saigon Hotel & Spa or similar	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar

Stay at the Tu Lan camp on Day 9, in Phong Nha on Days 8 and 10, and in Ho Chi Minh City on Days 11 and 12. The hotels listed are examples and may be replaced by comparable accommodation.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered. Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

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