

Northern Vietnam: Sapa and Halong Bay - 8 Days

8 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Sapa - Halong Bay

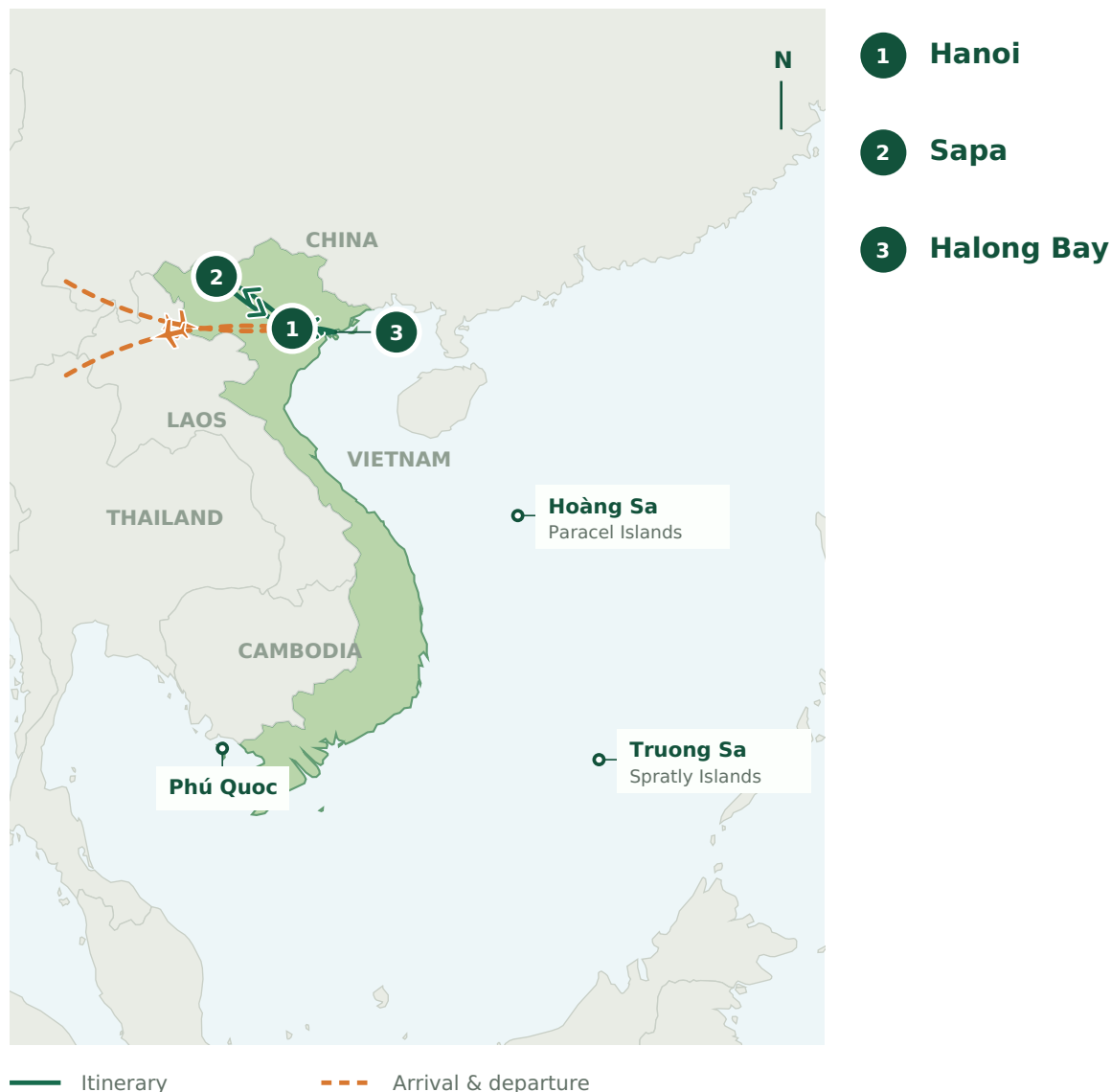
From USD 735 per person

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.

DAY 1**Arrival in Hanoi**

Tour photograph · Arrival in Hanoi

Your private driver will meet you at Hanoi Airport with a sign bearing your name and take you to your centrally located hotel. After check-in, relax or explore the nearby Old Quarter at your own pace.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Explore Hanoi — Group Tour (B,L)**

Tour photograph · Explore Hanoi — Group Tour (B,L)

Meet your guide between 8:00 and 8:30 am. Begin at Tran Quoc Pagoda beside West Lake, then visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex, including the mausoleum when open, the surrounding gardens and the houses where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Continue to the One Pillar Pagoda.

At around 11:15 am, explore the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology. Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch at approximately 12:45 pm; vegetarian dishes are available.

In the afternoon, visit the Temple of Literature and Hoa Lo Prison. Return to your hotel at around 4:30 pm.

Please cover your shoulders and knees at temples and the mausoleum. Entry to the mausoleum depends on its opening schedule and annual maintenance closures; your guide will adapt the visit when necessary. On Mondays, the Vietnamese Women's Museum replaces the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Hanoi to Sapa by Limousine Bus (B)**

Tour photograph · Hanoi to Sapa by Limousine Bus (B)

Have an early breakfast and check out before boarding the limousine bus to Sapa. The journey takes approximately six hours.

Transfer to your accommodation on arrival. The rest of the day is free to explore the mountain town at your own pace.

Overnight in Sapa.

DAY 4**Trek to Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai and Ta Van (B,L,D)**

Tour photograph · Trek to Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai and Ta Van (B,L,D)

After breakfast, meet your guide at around 9:30 am for a trek of approximately 12 km. Walk through rice terraces and mountain scenery to the Hmong villages of Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai.

Stop for lunch with a local family in Lao Chai or at a café by the river. Continue to Ta Van, a Giay village, and settle into a family homestay for an insight into local customs and daily life.

Overnight at the homestay.

Bring a small overnight bag with your essentials. Your main luggage can be left at the hotel in Sapa and collected the following day before returning to Hanoi.

DAY 5**Trek to Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, Then Return to Hanoi (B,L)**

Tour photograph · Trek to Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, Then Return to Hanoi (B,L)

Enjoy breakfast at the homestay, then set out at around 9:30 am for an approximately 8 km trek. Visit Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, home to Red Dao and Hmong communities.

See a waterfall and rattan bridge, walk through bamboo forest and take in views across the valley. A vehicle will meet you at the main road and return you to Sapa.

Enjoy some time in town before the limousine bus departs for Hanoi at around 3:00 pm.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Hanoi to Halong Bay — Shared Transfer and Cruise (B,L,D)**

Tour photograph · Hanoi to Halong Bay — Shared Transfer and Cruise (B,L,D)

After breakfast, check out and meet the cruise team's transfer at your hotel. Travel to Halong Bay and arrive at the jetty around noon, then take a tender to your cruise.

Settle into your cabin and enjoy lunch as the boat sails between limestone islands. Join the afternoon activities arranged by your cruise or relax on board. Towards evening, the boat anchors for the night, with time to enjoy the sunset before dinner.

Overnight on board.

The exact activities depend on the selected cruise. If weather or port restrictions prevent sailing, your travel consultant will arrange an alternative programme.

DAY 7**Halong Bay to Hanoi (B,L)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay to Hanoi (B,L)

Wake early for sunrise over the bay and enjoy a light breakfast. Join the morning sightseeing arranged by the cruise team, then have an early lunch as the boat returns to the harbour.

Disembark and transfer to Hanoi. The rest of the day is free to explore independently.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 8**Departure from Hanoi (B)**

Enjoy breakfast and check out of your hotel. If your flight schedule allows, you may have time to browse local markets before your private driver takes you to the airport.

Your tour ends with the airport transfer.

Included services

- Accommodation
- 3-stars hotels:
 - Hanoi - Chalceldony Hotel or similar
 - Sapa - The View Sapa or similar, homestay
 - Halong Bay - Le Journey cruise or similar
- 4-stars hotels:
 - Hanoi - Le Jardin Hotel or similar
 - Sapa - Amazing Hotel Sapa or similar, homestay
 - Halong Bay - Milalux Cruise Halong or similar
- 5-stars hotels:
 - Hanoi - Apricot Hotel or similar
 - Sapa - Silk Path Grand Resort and Spa or similar
 - Halong Bay - Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar
- Guide
- Experienced English speaking guide
- French/German/Spanish/Dutch speaking guides are available upon request. The surcharge will be applied
- Meals
- As per the tour program:
 - B=breakfast
 - L=Lunch
 - D=Dinner
- Transport
- Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services by private car
- Limousine bus from Hanoi to Sapa and from Sapa to Hanoi

Services & planning · continued

- Air-conditioned bus between Hanoi and Halong Bay (2-way)
- Air-conditioned bus or private cars for the excursions
- Other included

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

Additional costs

- Insurance
- Insurance is not included
- Other not included
- X International flights for arrival and departure
- X Beverage, Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- X Early check-in and late check-out (If not mentioned)
- X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec, 31 Dec (If any)
- X Public holiday surcharge (Christmas and New Year, Tet holiday in Vietnam) if applicable
- X Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00 am – 05:00 am
- X E-visa to Vietnam (if required)
- X Services not mentioned above

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Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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