

NORTHERN HIGHLIGHT OF VIETNAM

HA LONG (HOTEL)

Duration: 05Days/04Nights

Tour code: **VN5D-04**

Highlights: Hanoi – Ha Long bay – Ninh Binh



DAY 01: HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel. The transfer distance is approximately 40 minutes.

Hanoi or “River-bound City” as its name literally means is Vietnam’s capital with a thousand-year-old history dating back to 1010. The city’s fascinating beauty which is characterized by unique cultural relics, ancient streets of antique houses, elegant French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and romantic lakes has made it one of the most charming cities of Asia.

Late afternoon, visit **Hoan Kiem Lake** -Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name “Returned Sword” comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle. Shop or walk at leisure in the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets.

Meals: No Meal

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 02: HANOI – HALONG BAY

Morning, start a city tour beginning with **Ho Chi Minh Complex** which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation’s founder. At the complex, visit **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** where the nation’s founder’s body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November), the colonial **Presidential Palace**, originally the French Governor Office and a fine example of French architecture in Hanoi, and the rural style **Ho Chi Minh’s house on stilts** where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Stop by one of Hanoi’s icons, the One Pillar Pagoda, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Avalokiteshvara or Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. Continue to the **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars.

Afternoon, transfer to Ha Long Bay which is about 160 km or 3.5 hour drive away. Moving through the countryside on the way will bring you a clear perspective of a country’s whose 80% of population live on farming. Have a quick rest stop en route before reaching Ha Long City. Check in hotel then spend time at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A hotel used in Ha Long

DAY 03: HALONG – HANOI

For Group 1-9pax: Sharing boat and Lunch at local restaurant

Morning, breakfast at hotel between 6-7 AM, transfer to the dock for boarding a sharing boat to explore the legendary Ha Long Bay. Ha Long means Descending Dragon in Vietnamese as legend has it that a holly dragon landed down here from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km². The boat will stop at Dau Go Island for you to visit Thien Cung Cave (Heaven Palace) and Dau Go Cave (Wooden Stakes). Dau Go Cave in 13th Century was a depot to store pointed wooden stakes, which later were used by Vietnamese great military commander Tran Hung Dao to trap and puncture Mongolian naval boats in famous battles of Bach Dang. Return to the dock, disembark. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch travel back to Hanoi.

Afternoon, drive back Hanoi and shopping in Hanoi Old Quarter. Evening at leisure.

For Group 10pax up: Private boat and lunch on cruise

Morning, breakfast at hotel between 6-7 AM, transfer to the dock for boarding a cruise boat to explore the legendary Ha Long Bay. Ha Long means Descending Dragon in Vietnamese as legend has it that a holly dragon landed down here from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km². The boat will stop at Dau Go Island for you to visit Thien Cung Cave (Heaven Palace) and Dau Go Cave (Wooden Stakes). Dau Go Cave in 13th Century was a depot to store pointed wooden stakes, which later were used by Vietnamese great military commander Tran Hung Dao to trap and puncture Mongolian naval boats in famous battles of Bach Dang. Continue cruising while fresh seafood lunch is served on board. Return to the dock, disembark and travel back to Hanoi.

Afternoon, drive back Hanoi and shopping in Hanoi Old Quarter. Evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Local Food)

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 04: HANOI – NINH BINH

Option1: Full – day Tam Coc & Bich Dong

Morning, transfer to Ninhbinh province - located 110km from Hanoi to the South. Tam Coc - Bich Dong is a popular tourist destination near the city of Ninhbinh in northern Vietnam. Along Hoang Long River, vast limestone cliffs rising out of the rice paddies make Tam Coc somehow similar to Halong Bay, or on-land Halong Bay as described. A river trip to Tam Coc and through the three caves of Tam Coc is so wonderful for photo hunters, especially when ripping rice season is coming. Next to Tam Coc is Hoa Lu, the relics of the ancient capital of Vietnam during 10th century. Remains of this capital town are temples dedicated to the two heroes: Dinh King and Le King who were the founders of Hoa Lu as the citadel.

Option2: Full – day Trang An

Morning, depart from your hotel for Ninh Binh province, 98 kilometers South of Hanoi. You will call in a Buddhist complex called Bai Dinh, the largest of its kind in Vietnam, which consists of an original old pagoda and a series of newly built pagodas in Gia Vien District. It boasts hundreds of statutes and a variety of architectural works. Proceed to visit Trang An Eco-tourism Complex where a boat trip will take you through a scenic landscape of mountains, fields and rivers to a series of caves including Sang Cave, Toi Cave, Ba Giot Cave, Nau Ruou. Trang An is also called "an inland Ha Long" for its strikingly similar terrain of rugged rocky mountains rising up from the lush wetland and constituting a magnificent maze. Afternoon, transfer back to Hanoi. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi

DAY 05: HANOI DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

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COST DETAILS: All rates are per person sharing DBL/BB basis, in US dollar.

Remark: The price isn't applied for the Tet holiday (28. Jan 2025 to 02. Feb 2025) and Public Holidays

Date: 01 Jan 2025 to 30 Apr 2025 & 01 Oct 2025 to 31 Dec 2025

<u>VN5D-04</u>	<u>ALL RATES IN US\$ PERSON</u>										
GROUP SIZE	1	2	3-5	6-9	10-14	15	20	25	30	35	S/S
First class – 3*	905	485	405	289	262	245	224	216	204	198	109
Superior – 4*	943	505	424	307	279	258	237	228	215	209	125
Deluxe – 5*	1,173	619	539	422	396	382	359	350	331	325	243

Date: 01 May 2025 to 30 Sept 2025

<u>VN5D-04</u>	<u>ALL RATES IN US\$ PERSON</u>										
GROUP SIZE	1	2	3-5	6-9	10-14	15	20	25	30	35	S/S
First class – 3*	891	478	400	285	260	255	235	227	214	208	105
Superior – 4*	921	493	415	308	275	260	239	230	217	212	120
Deluxe – 5*	1,148	607	528	414	389	376	353	344	327	321	232

REMARKS:

- Kindly note that we not include any meal except breakfast at hotel. If you want to add on, please see below for supplement

SUPPLEMENT FOR ENTRANCE FEE AND MEAL (EXCLUDED TRANSPORTATION AND GUIDE)

MEAL (INDIAN OR SEAFOOD)	
FIT (< 10pax)	GIT (≥ 10pax)
Lunch: US\$ 14/pax	Lunch: US\$ 13/pax
Dinner: US\$ 15/pax	Dinner: US\$ 14/pax



Include

- ✓ Hotel accommodation with breakfast and based on twin or triple sharing (01pax staying in Single Room)
- ✓ Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- ✓ Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Boat fee in Ninh Binh
- ✓ Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- ✓ Boat trip in Ha Long bay (4 hours)
 - For Group 1- 9 pax: Sharing boat and Lunch at local restaurant
 - For Group 10 pax up: Private boat and lunch on cruise
- ✓ Mineral water is available as complementary



Exclude

- ✓ Airfare (international and domestic) and airport tax
- ✓ Drinks and other meals not clearly mentioned
- ✓ Visa stamping fee at the airport (25US\$ for single visa to Vietnam, paid by cash at the airport)
- ✓ Surcharge for special request on food, and meals.
- ✓ Insurance, gratuities and personal expenses
- ✓ Tipping for guide and driver
- ✓ Surcharge for public holidays (if any)
- ✓ Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve: TBA



Children Policy

- ✓ Infant below 3 years old sharing room with parents is free of charge.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- ✓ Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%

TIPPING FOR GUIDE AND DRIVER (PAID DIRECTLY TO GUIDE)

- ❖ US\$ 15/pax for 03-04nights itinerary
- ❖ US\$ 25/pax for longer itinerary (05nights above)

HOTEL CATEGORY:

Area	First Class (3*)	Superior (4*)	Deluxe (5*)
Hanoi	<p>Larosa Hanoi Hotel Deluxe www.larosahotel.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>La Dolce Vita hotel Superior www.ladolcevita-hotel.com</p>	<p>Thang Long Opera hotel Superior room http://thanglongoperahotel.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The Q hotel Superior http://theqhotel.com.vn</p>	<p>Du Parc Hanoi hotel Deluxe https://hotelduparchanoi.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Grand Vista hotel Deluxe www.grandvistahanoi.com</p>
Ha Long	<p>New Star Hotel Superior www.newstarhotel.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>City Bay Palace Hotel Superior www.citybayhotel.com</p>	<p>Saigon Ha Long Hotel Superior www.saigonhotel.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Marina Halong hotel Superior https://marinahotel.vn</p>	<p>Muong Thanh Luxury hotel Deluxe www.muongthanh.com</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Wyndham Hotel Superior Premier (Tower 2) www.wyndhamhalong.com</p>