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# Optional Private Tours for North Vietnam Valid till 31 March 2019

All Market (Except Japan & Korean)

# **HANOI**

Hanoi Discovery Tour – AM ½ Day 4 Hours (Private)







#### **H**IGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi Capital and its historical & cultural heritage
- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, a sacred historical symbol
- The beautiful One Pillar Pagoda
- Temple Of Literature
- The enchanting Hoan Kiem Lake & Ngoc Son Temple

# Tour Price Per Person usd \$ Minimum 2 Passengers

	Standard Tour	
Adult	53	
Child	27	

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#### **EXCLUSIONS**

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- Personal expenditure
- Tips
- Travel insurance
- Shopping

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# MEETING POINT:





Best of Hanoi Tour – Full Day 8 Hours (Private)







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- Hanoi's Old Quarter and its "36 streets" by cyclo

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Child	42	

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We start the afternoon trip by a visit to the National Museum of Vietnam History tracing the history of Vietnamese people from the earliest times to the present day. It's a wonderful museum and enhanced by a private guide to give further details on the exhibits.

Then stop around Ham Tu Quan for an enjoyable one-hour cyclo ride through the 36 streets of the Old Quarter. Although the old section of Hanoi is often called the "36 Old Streets," there are more than 36 actual streets. Some





researchers believe that the number 36 came from the 15th century when there might have been 36 guild locations, which were workshop areas, not streets.

After a little light shopping & possibly an 'Egg Coffee' (ask your guide!), you will then be transferred back to your hotel to enjoy the evening.

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#### **TERM AND CONDITION**

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# MEETING POINT:





Duong Lam Ancient Village – Full Day 8 Hours (Private)





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- A Glimpse of Vietnam in the past
- Discover 400year old traditional houses
- Visit the ancient Mia pagoda
- Communal House

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	Standard Tour	
Adult	74	
Child	37	

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# **Duong Lam Ancient Village**

Duong Lam village in Son Tay Town (some 60km to the west of Hanoi Capital) is the first ancient village recognized as a national relic by the Ministry of Culture and Information.

The ancient village has a history of about 1,200 years with many houses dating back up to 400 years. One special thing about the village is that most of the buildings here are made of laterite and mud, two materials that are abundant in the area. Laterite is used on house walls, gates, wells, temple walls, and so forth.

Apart from its historical and tourism values, Duong Lam ancient village is an important place for scientists to study resident communities in ancient agriculture. The village gate, banyan, well, communal house are important factors in classifying Duong Lam ancient village.

Pick-up at your hotel at 8am and transfer to Duong Lam ancient village. Arrive in Duong Lam Town via the "Mia" Pagoda - is built in 15th century, to admire the 287 statues of all sizes and the famous sculptures such as the statue of Buddha in the Himalayas and the statues of the Eight Vajra Deities. Once in the village you may take a stroll to visit market around the ancient village to see architectural delights such as the communal House. Pay a visit to the Temples of two of Vietnam's kings, Phung Hung (761-802) and Ngo Quyen (896-944) who were born in Duong Lam, giving the village its prestige. Both men led resistance wars against northern invasion and





after winning national independence, were crowned kings. After their deaths, the local people built temples in their honour.

Lunch at local restaurant is a traditional fair (no drinks).

The sightseeing continues to visit Mong Phu temple in Mong Phu hamlet. Then take a trip to explore special ancient village gate there. The original village entrance gate remains intact, dedicated to national heroes. Continue to visit some of the 400+year old houses and enjoy some interactions with the residents.

Your return to your Hanoi hotel is by private transfer.

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#### **MEETING POINT:**





Hoa Lu Temples & Tam Coc Excursion – Full Day 8 Hours (Private)







#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Vietnam's ancient capital Hoa Lu
- Tam Coc's known as "Halong bay on land"
- Boat trip on the river
- Bicycle ride through the countryside

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	Standard Tour	
Adult	111	
Child	56	

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# **Hoa Lu Temples & Tam Coc**

The ancient capital Hoa Lu is a destination which will take you back to the medieval eras in Vietnams past. This region called Ninh Binh is known for its landscape and outstanding natural beauty, with huge limestone rocks emerging from the ground surrounded by paddy fields. This is why Hoa Lu & Tam Coc are considered as Halong bay on land, and whose splendour is often said to surpass that of Halong bay.

At 8:00am you will be picked up at your hotel by your guide and driver and depart for Hoa Lu a, 2hour drive through picturesque countryside.

Upon arrival visit the historic capital of Vietnam, Hoa Lu and the famous ancient temples of Le and the Dinh Dynasties, the two heroes who built this citadel in the 10th century. The architecture here is unique and well worth taking your time admiring.

From here it's onwards to Tam Coc for a traditional hearty lunch at around 12:30.

After lunch, embark for a sampan boat trip to visit Tam Coc to see the beauty of the geological formations. With Halong bay type views of majestic limestone cliffs and mysterious caves, as well as countryside landscape like peaceful streams, rice paddies and deserted green fields, Tam Coc has earned the reputation of being called 'Halong on Land.

After disembarking it is the two-wheel option, as you cycle for an hour, about 5km on quiet roads through villages, rice fields, rivers and rocky outcrops in Tam Coc - Bich Dong. A chance to admire nature at a different pace and meet the locals in their environment.

Private transfer back to Hanoi with a drop off at your hotel at around 5:30pm





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#### MEETING POINT:





Perfume Pagoda Boat Trip – Full Day 9-10 Hours (Private)







#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Boat trip on the Yen Vy stream
- Follow the Vietnamese Buddhists' pilgrim way
- Buddhist pagoda inside the mysterious Huong Tich cave
- Visit the wonderful Heaven Kitchen (Thien Tru Pagoda)
- · Panoramic cable car ride

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	Standard Tour	
Adult	110	
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# **Perfume Pagoda Boat Trip**

The Perfume Pagoda is one of the most important religious sites in Buddhist Vietnam. It is a vast complex of Buddhist temples and shrines built into the limestone Huong Tich mountains. Every spring, after the Lunar New Year, thousands of Vietnamese pilgrims come here to pray for the health and prosperity they need all year through. You will glide along scenic waterways and walk up mountain paths to visit pagodas and temples.

At 8:00am your guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel in Hanoi and depart for a 2hour scenic road trip through the countryside.

On arrival you will embark on a 1 ½ hour row-boat trip on the Yen Vy waterways to admire the charming landscapes on the way to Thien Tru harbor. A walk up steep paths is rewarded with a visit to the main cave Huong Tich, at the top of the mountain. You will descend via the cable car option, enjoying a splendid panoramic view of the valley.

Once back at the bottom of the mountain you can enjoy a well-earned lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, its onward to visit the Heavens Kitchen pagoda (Thien Tru Pagoda) to learn about Buddhist ancient architecture from Le's Dynasty from which you will return by row-boat.

You will then transfer back to Hanoi arriving at your hotel at approximately 6pm.





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- Cable car ticket
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# MEETING POINT:





The Wonder of Halong– Full Day 12 Hours (Private)





#### **H**IGHLIGHTS

- Wonderful Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Private boat cruise through stunning rocky islets
- Visit the splendid Thien Cung Cave
- Enjoy a typical Vietnamese seafood lunch
- Private Transfers

Tour Price Per Person usd \$ Minimum 2 Passengers					
	Standard				
	Tour				
Adult	166				
Child	83				

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# The Wonders Of Halong

Embark for a memorable boat cruise in the heart of the mythical Halong Bay. Translated as the "Bay of Descending Dragons", the legend says that dragons came to protect the people against the invaders and created the stunning limestone rocks rising from the sea. Set off on the adventure of a lifetime, sailing through the wonderful rocky islands and natural caves of this breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site. At 8:00am your driver and guide will pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi to enjoy the picturesque countryside during the drive to Halong Bay (Approx. 3.5 hours). A toilet/refreshment stop will be made along the way. Upon arrival, embark for a 4hour boat trip on a traditional Vietnamese junk and cruise through the huge limestone rocks on the Bay's emerald water.

After a seafood lunch onboard, visit one of the most beautiful caves of the Bay called Thien Cung Cave.

The tiny islands are dotted with innumerable beaches and caves that make an excellent backdrop for swimming or just lazing about on the boat deck.

At the end of the afternoon the boat takes you back to the harbor where your car will be waiting to take you back to Hanoi (arrival around 8pm).





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# MEETING POINT:





Bat Trang Ceramic Village – AM/PM ½ Day 4 Hours (Private)







#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The largest ceramic village in Vietnam
- Hands on pot making experience

Tour Price Pe	R PERSON USD \$	
MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS		
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	Standard Tour	
Adult	60	
Child	30	

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#### **BAT TRANG CERAMIC VILLAGE**

Regarded as a cradle of Vietnam culture - The Red River delta is best known for its handicraft villages and traditional seasonal festivals. We offer you the unique opportunity to see the real rural life of Vietnamese peasants living in these handicraft villages. This tour is also interesting for those who are interested in Buddhist philosophy. Either 8:30am or 2pm, depending on your preference, you will transfer from your hotel to the riverside village of Bat Trang Village, approximately 13km away, a seven-century old pottery village, where distinctive ceramics are made and used throughout the delta region for over 500 years.

The vitality of this village is still highlighted by the hundreds of pottery kilns on fire day and night.

We stroll around various cottage industries and watch craftsmen forming, painting and glazing their products in traditional ways. Time for a little shopping at one of the many local stalls for souvenirs before we head back to your Hanoi hotel.

WHAT'S INCLUDED				EXCLUSIONS
Air-conditioned	transfers	from/to	your	Other drinks & refreshments not stated





#### hotel

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- Entrance fee
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# MEETING POINT:





Van Phuc Silk Village – AM/PM ½ Day 4 Hours (private)







#### **H**IGHLIGHTS

- Ancient Silk Village
- Shrines
- 100+ year old craft

<b>TOUR PRICE PER PERSON USD \$</b>	
MINIMUM 2 PASSENGERS	

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	Standard	
	Tour	
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# **VAN PHUC SILK VILLAGE**

VAN PHUC, at more than 1,200 years it is proud to be the oldest silk village in Vietnam.

On this half-day excursion from Hanoi you'll be picked up at 08:00 and head to the nearby village of Van Phuc. You'll travel in an air-conditioned vehicle, accompanied by an English-speaking guide.

Renowned for centuries for its silk production and self-sufficiency, the village has recently seen a revival of interest in its craft as the demand for silk has surged both domestically and internationally.

When you arrive, your guide will show you around the village, stopping to visit the families for whom silk production is their traditional work. You'll also see the shrines in the village where the first masters are worshipped.

Hear a presentation from a group making silk, learning about the process from the planting of mulberry trees to the processing of silk thread taken from boiled cocoons. At the end of the presentation you'll have a chance to go shopping for locally made products before returning to your hotel.

What's Included	Exclusions
<ul> <li>Air-conditioned 'private' transfers from/to</li> </ul>	Other drinks & refreshments not stated





- your hotel.
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Pick up/drop off are at your hotel, unless otherwise stated (please provide the name & address of your hotel for this tour pick up), timings are subject to occasional variations due to traffic conditions

#### **Remarks:**

- Additional Surcharge for Chinese Speaking Guide: USD 15.00 per Guide per Day.
- Compulsory tipping: USD 5.00 per pax per day.

**Terms & Conditions Applied** 

