

Private Gateways to North Vietnam 2 Weeks

Trip overview

This private package is a 2-week journey designed to offer a perfect balance of adventure and private experiences. Along the way, you will explore the best places in Northern Vietnam that offer captivating, picturesque landscapes and remote villages where ethnic minority groups live.

Private Gateways to North Vietnam 2 Weeks is ideal for those looking for an immersive experience with a focus on nature and cultural exploration. Don't miss it!

- **Durations:** 14 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Sapa - Ha Giang - Cao Bang - Halong Bay
- **Price from:** US \$1824/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/private-gateways-to-north-vietnam-2-weeks.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi City Full Day - Explore Hanoi's Highlights	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Hanoi - Rural Adventure to Duong Lam Ancient Village	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Hanoi to Sapa - Discover the Beauty of Cat Cat Village	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast
Day 5	Sapa Trekking Expedition - Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai, and Ta Van Villages	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	Off-the-Beaten-Path Sapa Trekking - Suoi Thau, Ma Tra, and Ta Phin	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 7	Sapa to Ha Giang - Into the Heart of Vietnam's Wild North	Hotel in Ha Giang	Breakfast
Day 8	Ha Giang - Conquer the Winding Roads to Dong Van	Hotel in Dong Van	Breakfast
Day 9	Ha Giang - Cao Bang - Untamed Landscapes and Hidden Trails	Hotel in Cao Bang	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 10	Cao Bang - Journey to the Tranquil Ba Be Lake	Hotel in Ba Be	Breakfast
Day 11	Ba Be - Return to Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast

Day 12	Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise - Set Sail on a Natural Wonder	Halong Bay overnight cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 13	Halong Bay - Return to Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast
Day 14	Hanoi Departure - End of an Unforgettable Adventure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Morning/ Afternoon

On your first day in Vietnam, our tour guide will be waiting to meet you at the airport when you land in Hanoi.

Arrive at your hotel, which is centrally located in Hanoi, after a brief drive. When you arrive, check in, unpack, and then take the remainder of the day to unwind.

Night

Run through the neighborhood on your own or sign up for a quick night tour as shown below to see the city at night with our entertaining local guide.

You may still choose the optional Hanoi cuisine [Tour by Motorbike at Night](#) to discover the vibrant local culture after the sun sets while riding one of Vietnam's most common modes of transportation and sampling the greatest street cuisine in congested, winding lanes.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi City Full Day - Explore Hanoi's Highlights

Morning

After eating breakfast at the hotel, the tour leader will pick you up there.

The first university in Vietnam to envision a competition during multiple King dynasties was the [Temple of Literature](#). A lot of candidates and students visit the temple nowadays to pray for success in their academic efforts, in addition to being a draw because of its historical significance.

Then move to the constructed completely of wood and resting on a pillar constructed of a single piece of stone, the [One Pillar Pagoda](#) is a revered symbol of the Hanoi people. It was finished in 1049. It was designed to resemble the lotus flower, which is a Buddhist symbol of virtue.

The last stop is the eternal burial place of "Uncle Ho" the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, one of the most popular tourist destinations in the city and located in the center of Hanoi. His remains is kept in this glass tomb at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Go on to a typical Vietnamese restaurant for lunch.

Afternoon

Keep going on your journey through the **Museum of Ethnology**, a unique museum that honors the 54 ethnic groups that are legally recognized in Vietnam.

Return to Hanoi's Old Quarter, a fascinating neighborhood with a wide range of old structures, antique stores, and authentic eateries that will truly wow you.

Return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

NOTE: The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum may be seen from the outside but is closed on Mondays and Fridays and from June to August.



Visit The First University Of Vietnam Temple Of Literature

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Hanoi - Rural Adventure to Duong Lam Ancient Village

Morning

Your hotel offers breakfast for you, so please enjoy it to get your energy before your new trip today to the earliest ancient town in Vietnam, [Duong Lam Village](#).

Our driver and guide will pick you up at your hotel and take you there.

Enjoy a bicycle ride through the narrow, historic lanes of Mong Phu village, where you'll visit the **Mong Phu Temple** and explore the charming streets that reflect centuries of history.

Experience the rural side of Vietnam by observing how local farmers work in the surrounding rice fields. This unique perspective gives you a glimpse into traditional Vietnamese agriculture and the day-to-day life in the countryside.

Visit two historic homes to get to know the locals that live there.

Lunch at a neighborhood eatery where you may sample regional cuisine.

Afternoon

Visit the **temples of Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung** to pay your respects to two of Vietnam's most revered national heroes.

Drive to **Mia Pagoda**, which is the next stop, and then return to Hanoi and your accommodation.

Night

You are in charge of the remainder of the day. Please get in touch with us if you're unsure about where to go, and we'll give you some happy travel suggestions.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 4: Hanoi to Sapa - Discover the Beauty of Cat Cat Village

Morning

Have breakfast at your hotel to start the day, then pack your bags and get ready for the journey. Be prepared for a lengthy trip, which frequently takes around 6 hours to get to Sapa.

Let's arrive at Sapa and see the breathtaking scenery that is characterized by steep valleys, majestic mountain peaks, and historic ethnic towns before check-in and unwinding at your hotel.

Just visit a neighboring eatery for lunch.

Afternoon

You ought to travel to **Muong Hoa Valley** and [Cat Cat Village](#). Vendors selling H'mong handicrafts, homebrewed corn wine, and naturally colored clothing may be found there. To go to a couple of waterfalls, wander along the route.

We will end the day once you have been taken to your hotel.

Night

You are free to explore the area or visit the renowned **Sapa night market** throughout the evening.



Have Fun With Locals At Cat Cat Village

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 5: Sapa Trekking Expedition - Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai, and Ta Van Villages

Morning

You will be picked up by a local tour guide after breakfast to start your trekking adventure. Please climb to [Y Linh Ho](#) and **Lao Chai communities**, two of Sapa's most well-known communities, as part of this excursion. Explore historical relics like the house's surrounding stone walls and cave dwellings.

Visit [Ta Van Village](#), the Zay people's ancestral home, and spend some time getting to know their vibrant culture. It will be an experience you won't soon forget.

Then move to a nearby eatery for lunch.

Afternoon/ Night

Go back to Sapa, where you should spend the remainder of the day.



Pass The Stunning Roads While Trekking To Y Linh Ho And Lao Chai

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 6: Off-the-Beaten-Path Sapa Trekking - Suoi Thau, Ma Tra, and Ta Phin

Morning

Let's taste your nutritious breakfast in the hotel

At **08:00**: We will pick you up and drive you the 5 kilometers to the villages of **Suoi Thau** and **Ma Tra**. Get to know the Hmong, a relatively small-scale native population, and exchange stories and experiences with them.

Take a 9-kilometer hike that passes through nearby cities, villages, rice, and maize fields as you continue your journey.

You should prepare a picnic lunch to enjoy while traveling.

Afternoon

Arrive in [Ta Phin Village](#) so that we may learn about the red Dzao minority's way of life and traditions.

Before returning to Sapa, take in the surrounding natural environment.

16:30: Spend some time being unbending, and the rest of the day is yours to do as you like.



Meet The H'mong At Suoi Thau And Ma Tra Villages

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 7: Sapa to Ha Giang - Into the Heart of Vietnam's Wild North

Morning

After eating breakfast, get ready to leave.

Our guide will take you on a shuttle bus to Ha Giang. There are 17 different ethnic minority groups present in Ha Giang, which is home to Vietnam's border with China.

The trip there will take you close to seven hours to drive 235 kilometers away.

Afternoon

When you reach Ha Giang, our guide will assist you in finding the hotel and completing the check-in process. The remainder of the day is at your disposal.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ha Giang

Day 8: Ha Giang - Conquer the Winding Roads to Dong Van

Morning

Take advantage of the hotel's breakfast service.

Our tour guide will pick you up so you can continue taking in the Ha Giang province's sights as you travel.

Make your way down **Bac Xum's descent**. Pay attention to the naturally existing hills made of finely crushed limestones as you arrive at **Fairy Bosom**, a popular tourist destination in the Quan Ba region of Ha Giang. These hills are what give the area its recognizable features.

The **Dong Van Karst Plateau Geopark**, a member of the UNESCO global geopark network, will astonish you with its spectacular natural grandeur.

Continue your adventure there. You next to visit Pao's home and King Meo's palace, which are both renowned for their creative retellings of long history.

Lunch in a neighboring restaurant on the way there.

Afternoon

If you visit the **Dong Van market**, you can see where many various ethnic groups congregate, including the Mong Hoa, Lo Hoa, Lolo, and Choang.

Dong Van's old remains are worth exploring, so do it while you're here to experience the relaxed native way of life that has so totally captivated you.

Night

Unrestricted freedom. If there is a place or activity that you are interested in knowing more about, don't be afraid to contact us.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Dong Van

Day 9: Ha Giang - Cao Bang - Untamed Landscapes and Hidden Trails

Morning

Participate in the **Dong Van Kermess**, which is held in the middle of the town once a week and serves as a location for amusement, interethnic dialogue, and the trading of goods. crossing the **Ma Pi Leng pass**, one of the four highest crossings over the Vietnam border, to get to Meo Vac.

As you travel, enjoy the views of the **Nho Que River** from a higher vantage point. Be sure to stop at the **Meo Vac Village** before enjoying lunch at a restaurant that has received high praise from the locals.

Afternoon

Row a boat to further explore the serene Nho Que River. And then, arrive at your accommodation and unwind there till sunset.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Cao Bang

Day 10: Cao Bang - Journey to the Tranquil Ba Be Lake

Morning

Let's savor the breakfast that is served at your accommodation.

Then you will visit the [Ban Gioc waterfall](#), which is positioned just along the Vietnam-China border. This site is drawing more and more local and international tourists to appreciate it since it is one of the four largest transnational waterfalls in the world.

The **Nguom Ngao cave**, which is situated in this area has magnificent stalactite and rock formation displays. It is becoming a more popular travel destination because of the wild beauty that is fully generated by nature and untouched by human activity.

You should schedule time at **Ba Be Lake** for your final visit of the day so that you may benefit from the environment that is both energizing and renewing.

Afternoon

Make sure to check into your hotel after a long day of touring so you can unwind there.

The remainder of the day is up to you because there isn't a predetermined schedule.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ba Be

Day 11: Ba Be - Return to Hanoi

Morning

Before you begin your day, make sure you eat something to fill your stomach.

You could also think about visiting **Hua Ma Cave**, a different famous spectacular cave in the same general area. Not only is this cave a gorgeous natural backdrop, but it also contains intriguing tales connected to enigmatic mythology.

The best way to return to Hanoi is by shuttle bus after your half-day adventure.

Afternoon

Register at your hotel in Hanoi. You have the remainder of the day at liberty to relax and refuel before your next adventure.

NOTE: Check-in will be accessible starting at 14:00, and there will be an extra fee if you want to obtain an early check-in.



Enjoy The Magnificent View Of Hua Ma Cave

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 12: Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise - Set Sail on a Natural Wonder

Morning

At about **08:30**: You will be picked up by the shuttle van or limousine and driven to the Hanoi - Halong expressway from the Old Quarter. Then at **11:30 - 12:00**, arrive at the departure port and complete the check-in process.

Take a tender or shuttle boat to the leading cruise to begin your therapeutic journey in Halong Bay, which has gained a reputation as a top tourist destination thanks to its distinctive collection of limestone islands, stunning beaches, and amazing cave system.

Additionally, there are several entertainment venues in the central business area, including arcades and bowling alleys, where visitors may partake in thrilling activities or just laze about.

Afternoon

Please enjoy a lavish meal prepared by talented chefs as you cruise deeper into Halong Bay.

Visit secret caverns, go swimming, or kayaking, or just relax on the sundeck in this bay's off-the-beaten-path area.

NOTE: The detailed activities depend on each cruise's schedule.



Relax With The Memorable Moment In The Great Ha Long Bay

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Halong Bay overnight cruise

Day 13: Halong Bay - Return to Hanoi

Morning

A lovely way to start the day is by practicing Tai Chi on Halong Bay's emerald seas.

Continue sailing to other areas so you may kayak, swim, and explore the tunnels as you travel through them.

Because they differ from line to line, these activities won't be uniform throughout all cruise lines.

You will disembark at the harbor when your cruise is over and then board a shuttle bus or a limousine to return to Hanoi City.

Afternoon

Possess some free time to indulge in your favorite activities. You have the option of implementing our guide's advice.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 14: Hanoi Departure - End of an Unforgettable Adventure

Free all morning to pack your suitcase and have breakfast

Our guide will take you to the airport following your flight time.

This is the end of your journey in Vietnam with Best Rate Tours. We are pleased to assist you along the way and honored to be trusted by you! Best Price hopes you had a memorable time, and we wish to see you in the future.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- 13 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Hotel (13 nights)
- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except overnight on train and home-stay (if any)
- All transport within Vietnam, as per itinerary.
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Note:
- *All prices in USD, are based on per adult, in Double/Twin sharing
- Prices are valid from 01 November 2022 till 31 October 2023 except
- -Christmas 24 Dec 2022 and 31 Dec 2022.
- -New Year: 01 Jan 2023

- -Hung King Commemorations: 28,29 April 2023
- -Liberation Day: 30 Apr 2023
- -International Workers' Day: 01 May 2023
- -National Day: 01,02, 03 Sep 2023
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveler or single room request

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in and LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flights to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Transfer from and to airport
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)
- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except for domestic flight tickets.
- 04 - under 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate.
- From 11 years old: count as an adult.

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