

# Uncover Northern Vietnam: Ha Giang By Scooter 7 Days

## Trip overview

Adventure seekers and culture enthusiasts can uncover the raw beauty of Northern Vietnam through this thrilling motorbike tour, exploring the stunning landscapes of Ha Giang, Dong Van, and the majestic Ma Pi Leng Pass on a motorbike. It will take you across remote villages, scenic valleys, and the dramatic karst mountains, where you will encounter the diverse cultures of local ethnic minorities.

There is also an opportunity to experience winding mountain roads, hidden waterfalls, and gorgeous rice terraces before relaxing on a Halong Bay cruise. Ideal for adventure seekers, this holiday package is worth booking for a novel experience!

- **Durations:** 7 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Ha Giang - Yen Minh - Dong Van - Ma Pi Leng - Nho Que river - Meo Vac - Du Gia local village - Halong Bay
- **Price from:** US \$529/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://bestratetours.com/vietnam-tours/uncover-northern-vietnam-ha-giang-by-scooter-7-days.html>

## Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival - Half Day City Tour By Bike	Sleeper bus to Ha Giang	NA
Day 2	Ha Giang - Quan Ba Heaven Gate - Yen Minh - Dong Van Town	Hotel in Ha Giang	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Dong Van - Ma Pi Leng Pass - Nho Que River - Meo Vac - Du Gia Village	Hotel in Ha Giang	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Du Gia - Bac Me - Ha Giang - Back to Hanoi	Hotel in Ha Noi	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 6	Halong Bay - Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 7	Hanoi Departure	NA	Breakfast

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Hanoi Arrival - Half Day City Tour By Bike

### Morning

Upon arrival, you settle into your hotel and prepare for an exciting day ahead. At **08:00** or **13:00**, our guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel. Before starting, the guide will provide essential safety instructions and ensure you are familiar with the itinerary. We will also take note of any dietary restrictions you may have to personalize your experience.

As you ride along Hanoi, you will not only be able to explore must-see sights and hidden jewels from a local point of view but also watch how people in the city work, play, pray, and live their lives day after day. If you want to view a local neighborhood, it is ideal to stroll along the railway tracks that are 150 years old to soak in the true atmosphere of the capital. Let's then have a glass of Bia Hoi before continuing to **West Lake**, where the fresh air and serene ambiance provide the perfect moment to relax.



From there, you will take a zigzag route to **Huu Tiep Lake**, a site steeped in history. Here, you can pay a visit to a local family and engage in an inspiring conversation with the family patriarch, a war veteran. Through his fascinating recollections of our nation, you will gain a deeper understanding of Vietnam and its legacy, from his childhood to the present day.

Subsequently, those wishing to support the community and enjoy traditional cuisine in a setting where locals frequently gather with their friends should not miss eating at family-owned businesses and local eateries.

Before returning to your hotel, you will sit back at a classic coffee shop with a cup of Vietnam's signature egg coffee, a creamy and flavorful treat that will cap off your Hanoi tour.

**NOTE:** Please note that attractions are only observed from the outside and the food options are subject to change

### Evening

As the evening sets in, your journey to the north begins. At **19:30 - 20:00**, you get picked up by a comfortable night sleeper bus bound for Ha Giang. You will arrive early the next morning and enjoy a peaceful rest at a homestay or hostel until **08:00**.

**Meals:** NA

**Accommodation:** Sleeper bus to Ha Giang

## Day 2: Ha Giang - Quan Ba Heaven Gate - Yen Minh - Dong Van Town

### Morning

Your second day starts at **08:30** when you meet our tour guide and easy rider team to get ready for the trip. After a detailed safety briefing and an overview of the day's itinerary, you will set off from Ha Giang City.

Just ten minutes outside the city, you will find yourself surrounded by breathtaking landscapes. Rivers, mountains, and small villages begin to emerge, offering stunning views that will stay with you throughout the day.

The first major highlight is **Bac Sum Pass**, where you will stop at a viewpoint to admire the snake-like road winding through the valley. From here, you can see over 20 sharp bends leading back down the slope, being around by deep valleys and majestic rocky landscapes. The Bac Sum Pass is often cloaked in mist, creating a dreamlike ambiance as it cuts through craggy mountains.



Continuing your schedule, you will reach **Quan Ba Heaven Gate**, situated at an altitude of 1,500 meters above sea level. This spot features a panoramic view of lush green valleys, terraced rice fields, and colorful flower gardens (season permitting).

As you explore the area, do not forget to take a deep breath of the fresh mountain air and let the beauty of this serene place captivate you. Nearby, you will come to visit **Quan Ba Twin Mountains**, a natural wonder full of fascinating local folklore that our guide will share with you.

The route then takes you across the **Dong Van Karst Plateau**, a UNESCO Global Geopark. Known as the "Grey paradise" of Ha Giang, this region has striking grey limestone formations and rugged cat-ear rocks. You will see how local people cultivate corn and other crops on steep, rocky slopes and spot small houses perched precariously on cliffs.

On the way, you will also pass through **Nam Dam** and **Lung Tam villages**, home to the Dao and Hmong ethnic minorities. Here, you will have a chance to witness traditional life as villagers work in the fields, dry corn, and wear their distinctive traditional attire even during daily labor.

### Afternoon

Around midday, you will stop for lunch in **Yen Minh Town** and enjoy a brief rest before going on. Next comes the thrilling ascent of Tham Ma Pass, where towering cliffs loom on one side of the road. As you climb higher, the scenery becomes even more dramatic, revealing unparalleled views of the rugged terrain.

In the afternoon, it is time to visit **H'mong King Palace**, also known as the Vuong Mansion. This historic site showcases the fascinating architecture and rich heritage of the H'mong people. After exploring the palace, the journey ends in **Dong Van Town**, where you will check into a cozy homestay. Enjoy a traditional local dinner, and if you wish, take a leisurely stroll to see Dong Van Old Town.

**NOTE:** If you choose the self-rider option, please be aware that you are responsible for handling any issues with your motorbike, and the tour does not include travel insurance.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ha Giang

## Day 3: Dong Van - Ma Pi Leng Pass - Nho Que River - Meo Vac - Du Gia Village

Having finished your breakfast, you will get on an exciting journey through some of the most iconic and breathtaking landscapes of Northern Vietnam. Leaving Dong Van Town, you venture out **Ma Pi Leng Pass**, one of Vietnam's legendary four great mountain passes. This 20-kilometre stretch, part of the renowned Happiness Road, links Ha Giang City, Dong Van, and Meo Vac town.

As you navigate the winding route, the trip brings a mesmerizing panorama of rugged cliffs, green valleys, and the emerald-green waters of the **Nho Que River**, which cuts through a dramatic abyss below. A designated rest area along the pass allows you to pause, capture gorgeous views, and immerse yourself in the grandeur of **Dong Van Karst Plateau**, a UNESCO Global Geopark.



Following this, the road leads you to the remarkable M-shaped road, a distinctive serpentine path from **Yen Minh** to **Meo Vac**. This stretch of road, famed for its sharp curves and spectacular surroundings, is considered the best place for photo check-in.

As you travel, you will go through **Mau Due Valley**, a serene region that hosts small Tay and H'mong villages nestled at the foot of the mountains. Here, you will get a chance to experience the real charm of ethnic minority communities, witnessing their unique cultural practices and daily life. The untouched beauty of the rocky landscapes, healthy forests, and winding roads makes this a moment to behold forever.

The day is complete with an overnight stay in **Du Gia Village**, a tranquil and picturesque spot where you can unwind and reflect on the incredible adventure.

**NOTE:** For travelers opting for the self-rider option, please remember that any issues with the motorbike must be handled by themselves, as travel insurance is not included in the tour package.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ha Giang

## Day 4: Du Gia - Bac Me - Ha Giang - Back to Hanoi

You will kick off Day 4 at **Du Gia**, a beautiful village located in a picturesque valley adorned with expansive rice paddies, sprawling cornfields, and majestic high mountains that seem to touch the clouds. The scenery is extremely beautiful as you move past traditional houses with wooden walls and roofs, their courtyards filled with neatly stacked bundles of firewood, all enclosed by rustic stone fences.

Your first highlight of today's itinerary is **Du Gia Waterfall**, where clear, cool water cascades across rocky streams of varying sizes, creating a tranquil oasis amidst the greenery. The waterfall, originating from deep within the pristine forests, presents a refreshing break, with its serene atmosphere leaving you rejuvenated.



As the trip continues, you will traverse via lots of curves and bends on **Duong Thuong** and **Khe Mang roads** in exchange for awe-inspiring views. These cliffside roads show a unique perspective, with one side bordered by striking rocky cliffs and the other by the vibrant green hues of cornfields. Soon, the tour brings you to an eye-catching valley of terraced rice paddies, a masterpiece sculpted by nature and human ingenuity, showcasing the harmonious relationship between the land and its people.

The route later navigates towards **Bac Me**, where the landscape shifts to vast green forests and the tranquil beauty of the **Gam River**. Approaching **Ha Giang City**, the sights of this enchanting province will bid you a memorable farewell.

From Ha Giang, you will hop on a limousine or sleeper bus for your return journey to Hanoi, bringing this day of discovery to a relaxing close.

**NOTE:** Those selecting the self-rider option need to solve any problems that they may have alone, and travel insurance is not included in this tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ha Noi

## Day 5: Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

### Morning

After an early breakfast, our driver will pick you up at **08:00** for a transfer to the cruise port in Halong Bay. On arrival, the friendly staff will assist you with the check-in process to ensure a smooth start.

Around noon, you will be warmly welcomed aboard with a refreshing drink, followed by a brief orientation about the cruise and safety guidelines. As the ship sets sail into the secluded areas of the bay, you will indulge in a delightful lunch served on deck.

### Afternoon

The afternoon brings many exciting experiences, with activities like swimming in the emerald waters or **kayaking** to explore hidden caves and lagoons.



Upon returning to the cruise, you can introduce yourself to Vietnamese cuisine by participating in a **cooking class**, where you will learn to make traditional spring rolls. Alternatively, you can lounge on the sundeck and unwind with a cocktail during the Happy Hour program to claim an enticing “Buy 1 Get 1 Free” offer.

### Evening

The moment evening descends, a sumptuous dinner awaits you at the cruise restaurant, showcasing the finest local flavors.

After your meal, there are countless onboard entertainment to take part in, including board games, squid fishing, night movies, or visiting the bar and karaoke lounge. Whether you seek excitement or tranquillity, the evening is yours to enjoy as you wish.

### NOTE:

- The tour guide will not accompany you on the cruise; however, the English-speaking crew will be available to assist throughout.
- You may need to transfer to a smaller boat (tender) for access to more remote areas during certain activities.
- The exact itinerary may vary depending on the specific Halong Bay cruise.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay Cruise

## Day 6: Halong Bay - Hanoi

### Morning

On Day 6, you will begin your morning with a relaxing **Tai Chi session** on the sundeck. Focus on gentle movements and mindful breathing to start your day with a sense of peace and balance. For those who prefer a slower pace, feel free to sleep in and enjoy breakfast later.

Afterward, the cruise will take you to see another key attraction here. At around **10:00**, you will return to the ship to pack stuff and check out.

As the cruise makes its way back to port, you savor a delectable brunch onboard, taking in the beauty of the bay one last time. Around **12:00**, our driver will meet you at the port to transport you back to Hanoi.

### Afternoon

Once arriving at your hotel in Hanoi's Old Quarter, you will have free time to unwind, relax, and explore the city at your leisure. This is a perfect opportunity to discover the specific corner of Hanoi you like without following any schedule.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 7: Hanoi Departure

Today is the last day of this tour. You will have some spare time to eat breakfast at the hotel and enjoy the atmosphere of Hanoi before your flight home.

At the announced time, we will transport you to the airport to take the return flight.

We hope that you have had a great time during your journey with us!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** NA

# Booking Policy

## Inclusion

- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotels & homestay
- All transport within Vietnam (including airport pick up and see off), as per itinerary
- Protective gear, helmet, rain-coat, Motorbikes, fuel
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

## Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- 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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