

# Indulgent Northern Vietnam: 7 Days of Luxury & Scenic Wonders

## Trip overview

This luxurious 7-day package to Northern Vietnam will take you from the Hanoi 1000 years civilization to learn about the old-time history in highlighted relics, then escape from the hustle and bustle of the city to the countryside area Quang Phu Cau Incense village.

You will continue to the ancient capital Ninh Binh to capture green landscapes at Bich Dong Pagoda, and wind down on a sampan trip at Tam Coc and Trang An Grottoes, each bringing you different experiences. At the end of the excursion, a world-class Halong Bay cruise will brighten your holiday. Set out now on a premium expedition for your short-term vacation!

- **Durations:** 7 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Bich Dong Pagoda - Tam Coc - Mua Cave - Trang An - Halong Bay
- **Price from:** US \$1649/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://bestratetours.com/vietnam-tours/indulgent-northern-vietnam-7-days-of-luxury-scenic-wonders.html>

## Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival - Welcome to Vietnam's Capital	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Discover Hanoi's Timeless Charm on a City Tour	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Quang Phu Cau Incense Village - Bich Dong Pagoda - Tam Coc	Hotel in Ninh Binh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Mua Cave & Trang An Boat Ride	Hotel in Ninh Binh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 5	Ninh Binh - Scenic Drive to Halong - Embark on a Luxurious Cruise Journey	Overnight on cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 6	Morning Serenity on Halong Bay - Return to Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 7	Departure - Farewell to Vietnam's Elegance	NA	Breakfast

## Itinerary

## Day 1: Hanoi Arrival - Welcome to Vietnam's Capital

Welcome to Vietnam! Best Rate Tours Guide will greet you at Noi Bai International Airport, and then transfer you to the hotel for check-in. The usual check-in time is **14:00**, if you want to check in early, please contact your travel consultant.

The rest time is your leisure, freely prepare energy for the next day or explore the street Hanoi culinary with this optional:

<a href="#">Hanoi Street Food Walking Tour</a>	FROM US \$29 /pax
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**Meals:** NA

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 2: Discover Hanoi's Timeless Charm on a City Tour

### Morning

Have a full breakfast at the hotel and power for a sightseeing day in Hanoi civilization.

**8:00:** Our guide will meet you again at the lobby. Follow his/her feet, you will be led to visit top-rated historical landmarks on the car.

The first spot is the first university in Vietnam, the [Temple of Literature](#), built in the Ly Dynasty. This place not only symbolizes Confucianism but is also the birthplace of many outstanding individuals through many generations.

Then head to **One Pillar Pagoda** to admire its unique Buddhist architecture, a lotus blooming in the Linh Chieu Pond as King Ly Thai Tong's dream.

Nearby is Ba Dinh Square, and call on **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**. Listen to our guide's narration, you will be back into the heroic atmosphere on the day President Ho Chi Minh read the Declaration of Independence, giving birth to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

*Note: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum closes on Monday and Friday and renovates inside from June to August every year. During the renovation, visitors can't join the tour ceremony but still take pictures outside and visit the surrounding area.*

It's lunchtime, have a break and enjoy Vietnamese cuisine at an authentic restaurant

### Afternoon

Once fully energized, we continue to drive to the [Museum of Ethnology](#), which houses the remaining cultural treasures of 54 Vietnamese ethnic groups.

You will see vivid artifacts, films, and photos depicting the daily life, costumes, farming tools, and customs of many ethnic minorities throughout Vietnam.

After a meaningful day helping you gain knowledge, our journey will end when you arrive at your hotel and say goodbye to your guide at around 16:30.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 3: Quang Phu Cau Incense Village - Bich Dong Pagoda - Tam Coc

### Morning

08:00: Embark to **Quang Phu Cau Incense Village** from your hotel after a full breakfast and check-out process. In a 1.5-hour drive, you will escape from the city hustle and capture the peaceful scene of Vietnam's countryside.

After Reaching the serene village, we stroll around and witness the incense-making process by locals: bamboo chopping, dipping the sticks in the dye, creating incense paste, and drying the incense in the sun...

Happy to interact with the locals to deeply understand the history of the old-standing incense-making profession. And don't forget to pose with a colorful bunch of incense bundles to have unique photos.

Taste rustic cuisine at a local restaurant for lunch.

### **Afternoon**

This afternoon we move to another highlight countryside province in Vietnam, **Ninh Binh** where set free in the pure atmosphere

Get into [Bich Dong Pagoda](#) and you will be captivated by the poetic scenery and listen to folk tales about special 3 separate Buddhist pagodas on the mountain. If you arrive in the lotus season from June to July, this will be a truly oriental background you shouldn't miss out on.

Drop in [Tam Coc](#) and board a sampan rowed by locals lasting 2 hours along a large river opening in front of your eyes a lush natural scenery.

Rowing down the **Ngo Dong River**, you will be surprised at the romantic rice fields stretching along the river. Whether traveling in May or June, you will be lucky to get photos of ripe rice fields turning yellow.

Sail into three caves, and limestone masterpieces appear before your sight. The karst formation of limestone here is also interesting for natural explorers. Follow the meandering stream past rice fields and temples on the way to and from the caves, your excursion will end with full of stunning landscape photos.

### **Evening**

After a countryside discovery day, the car will take you to your hotel in Ninh Binh for basking and having dinner by yourself.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ninh Binh

## **Day 4: Mua Cave & Trang An Boat Ride**

### **Morning**

Please fill your power in breakfast cause this day requires full health to travel

Gather with our guide and go to [Mua Cave](#), a majestic destination in Ninh Binh for photo enthusiasts and photographers thanks to its stunning views from the mountaintop above.

We will begin a journey to climb to the top of **Ngoa Long Mountain**. Standing on the mountain peak, you can enjoy priceless natural scenery while gazing at the astonishing rice valley.

Recharge with a delicious lunch at a local restaurant

### **Afternoon**

When your health has already cooled off, we go to the last point, [Trang An Grottoes](#). Cruise on a traditional sampan row flowing down the graceful Sao Khe River, and you will catch sight of numerous caves with limestone mountains and temples, such as Lam Cave, Vang Cave, Dai Cave, Thanh Truot Cave, Cao Son Temple, Suoi Tien Temple, Vu Lam Temple...

When you're tired and your travel photo collection is full, we arrive at the hotel. This will be a tranquil night of rest to prepare for the following cruise trip expedition.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ninh Binh

## Day 5: Ninh Binh - Scenic Drive to Halong - Embark on a Luxurious Cruise Journey

### Morning

Relish the breakfast amidst a peaceful morning in Ninh Binh and check out. Then a luxury bus will take you head to **Halong Bay** World Heritage for a cruise trip.

Upon arriving at the cruise's waiting lounge in Halong, you will be warmly welcomed by cruise staff and check in quickly. Transfer to the speedboat to get the cruise, during that time, the cruise manager will introduce you to safety instructions and stories about the bay.

Embark on the cruise around **12:15**, the captain and cruise crew greet you with a welcome drink. Check-in your room and sumptuous lunch is ready at the restaurant

Dine a tasty lunch while cruising through thousands of limestones and islets on sparkling green water.

### Afternoon

After a short break time, you start to engage in water activities that bring you closer to the bay. Depending on each cruise itinerary, you will climb to the island's top, caving and kayaking among the gorgeous ocean.

Back to the cruise and a cooking class will be held by our chef for you to try your cooking skills or sip on cocktails when dusk down in Happy hour, "Buy 01 get 01 drink," at **17:00 - 17:30**.

### Evening

Savor a deluxe dinner is served at the restaurant.

Make your night become more vibrant with exciting activities like squid fishing, watching movies, battle wits with board games, and night bars.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Overnight on cruise

## Day 6: Morning Serenity on Halong Bay - Return to Hanoi

### Morning

Around **6:00**: A Tai Chi class is opened for early birds who want to practice health or just let their hair down among the fresh air from the room. Fulfill with a light breakfast and continue the outing.

Get to the further spots to understand the lifestyle in the fishing village or chill out and immerse yourself in the water. Return to the cruise to refresh and recharge with the last complete brunch.

Please process the check out at **10:00 - 10:30** whistle cruising towards the pier.

Transfer to the speedboat to get to the port, say goodbye to the captain, and cruise crew, and arrive at the port around **11:15**

### Afternoon

Be picked up by a luxury limousine and transferred to the hotel in Hanoi. Arrive at your hotel around **14:45** and the rest of the time is yours.

Below are some suggested optional that you should consider on your last night in Hanoi

<a href="#">Hanoi Sacred Night II: Live Like Flowers at Hoa Lo Prison</a>	FROM US \$28 /pax
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<a href="#">Decoding the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Night Tour</a>	FROM US \$38 /pax
<a href="#">Hanoi Cooking Class Half Day</a>	FROM US \$48 /pax

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 7: Departure - Farewell to Vietnam's Elegance

Delight the last breakfast in Hanoi and check out before 12:00. Our driver will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. We are honored to accompany you to Vietnam for 6 days. Wish you a safe flight, and see you on the next journey!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** NA

# Booking Policy

## Inclusion

- Meal as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Local English-speaking guides
- Accommodation 3 nights in Hanoi, 2 nights in Ninh Binh, 1 night on Ha Long Bay Cruise
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- All the excursions and visits mentioned.
- Entrance tickets/boat
- Taxes and service charges

## Exclusion

- Insurance (Highly recommend taking your own insurance before your departure)
- Early check-in/ late check-out surcharge
- Surcharge in peak season
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Flight ticket
- Lunches/dinners that are not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Alcoholic beverages, bottled water, and beverages other than those included with meals.
- Personal purchases such as souvenirs, cigarettes, etc
- Tips to guide, driver, porters
- Other not mentioned

## Cancellation Policy

- Before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Received from 14 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Received from 8 days to 13 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- 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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