

Best of Northern Vietnam: Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Sapa & Halong 6 days

Trip overview

The Best of Northern Vietnam with our 6-day tour package is designed to provide authentic value and diversity for a memorable experience.

Socialize yourself in the diverse cultures of the Hmong and other Northern ethnic minorities through Sapa hill tribal excursion, then witness the mesmerizing beauty of Halong Bay on an exquisite cruise. Don't miss the chance to discover the best of North Vietnam's top attractions!

- **Durations:** 6 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Sapa - Halong Bay
- **Price from:** US \$434/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/best-of-northern-vietnam-hanoi-ninh-binh-sapa-halong-6-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Explore Capital Hoa Lu - Scenic Boat Ride in Tam Coc	Hotel in Hanoi	Lunch
Day 2	Hanoi Half-day City Tour - Bus To Sapa	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Trekking to Ethnic Villages in Sapa - Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van	Overnight in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Sapa Exploration - Cat Cat - Sin Chai - Return to Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Picnic Lunch
Day 5	Hanoi - Overnight Cruise in Halong Bay	Cruise in Halong Bay	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 6	Disembark Halong Bay Cruise - Return to Hanoi	NA	Breakfast, Brunch

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Explore Capital Hoa Lu - Scenic Boat Ride in Tam Coc

Morning

Let's start a full-day tour in North Vietnam on the first day. You should get ready around **07:15 - 07:45** to be transferred from Hanoi to Ninh Binh via expressway, with a distance of more than 100 km. En route, you are free to enjoy the serene scenery of Vietnam's countryside on the way.

The first site to visit is [Hoa Lu Old Capital](#), Vietnam's ancient capital city a thousand years ago. There, you are given the chance to hear more about Vietnamese history. Being adorned with intricate carvings and beautiful artwork, this ancient capital will amaze you with the talented skills of Vietnamese craftsmen in the past.



The morning itinerary concludes with a meal that is authentically Vietnamese and prepared by Vietnamese cooks.

Afternoon

Then you will start your 1.5-hour [Tam Coc](#) journey on a small boat that the natives are rowing and take in the hundreds of gorgeous karst mountains.

Sitting on the boat, you should have your camera ready to take numerous gorgeous photos of the serene beauty of mountains, rice fields, and temples as you float along the **Ngo Dong River**. If you visit during harvest, there will be a chance to see the golden rice carpet along the riverbanks.



When this day's tour ends, you return to Hanoi from Ninh Binh.

Meals: Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi Half-day City Tour - Bus To Sapa

Morning

Begin your second day of travel with a city tour in Hanoi and learn more about the ancient capital. You acquaint yourself with Hanoi Old Quarter's serene atmosphere and these must-visit sites:

Start exploring Vietnam's earliest university, [the Temple of Literature](#), where the country's aristocracy, mandarins, and elite learned.

Come to **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, where the legendary founding father of contemporary Vietnam is currently resting in eternal peace. Then head to **One Pillar Pagoda**, the most famous one in Vietnam has a unique design like a lotus blooming from water.



Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum In Hanoi

Stop at West Lake and [Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda](#), which is the oldest pagoda in Hanoi with a more than 1,500-year history. Emerge yourself in the ancient architecture from the Ly dynasty period and the fresh atmosphere of West Lake.



Lunch will be provided at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant.

NOTE:

- Depending on your schedule, you can leave in the morning or the afternoon. Routes may alter based on customer interests. (The morning tour starts at **08:00** while the afternoon one is at **13:30**).

- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum will be seen from the outside from June to August. You must dress formally so shorts, miniskirts, sleeveless shirts, and tank tops are not allowed.

Afternoon

Around **14:30**, you will board a comfortable bus to Sapa, passing through picturesque landscapes of rolling hills and terraced rice fields. As you travel, take in the breathtaking views of the countryside and the mist-covered mountains.

Upon arrival in Sapa, you will check in to your hotel, where you can relax and refresh after the journey, preparing for the exciting adventures ahead in this stunning highland region.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 3: Trekking to Ethnic Villages in Sapa - Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van

Have breakfast at your hotel before beginning your trekking adventure in Lao Cai with our local tour guide. The trekking path includes **Y Linh Ho**, a tiny town located beside the Muong Hoa River, and [Lao Chai](#), a Black Hmong community famed for its remarkable indigo blue clothes and vestiges of history.



After lunch, spend time learning about the local culture and then return to Sapa and continue to visit [Ta Van Village](#), a Zay people's settlement. You will see the houses of this ethnic minority built among the poetic terraced fields.



Back to the town and spend the night at the hotel.

NOTE: The trekking path is about 13 km downhill and it is the easy level.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight in Sapa

Day 4: Sapa Exploration - Cat Cat - Sin Chai - Return to Hanoi

Morning

Wake up early and have breakfast at your hotel. Around **09:00**, we will visit [Cat Cat Village](#) by walking along the South-West. Relax at the base of the magnificent waterfall and the remnants of a hydroelectric power plant built by the French during Vietnam's colonial era.



After the morning tour, you can have a picnic along the river for lunch to spend time in nature.

Afternoon

Continue your hike to **Sin Chai village**, which is at the base of Fansipan Mountain, often known as “the Roof of Indochina”. Take in the breathtaking views of the mountain.

After the tour, you will return to the main road to be picked up from **14:30** to **15:00** and driven to Sapa town, then transferred back to Hanoi at around **21:30**. Let’s take a rest before the journey to Halong on the next day.

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 5: Hanoi - Overnight Cruise in Halong Bay

Morning

Around **08:00 - 08:30**, have breakfast at the hotel before being transferred to the well-known Northern destination: **Halong Bay**.

The check-in time on the cruise is **11:30 - 12:00**. You will be welcomed by kind crew staff with a free cool welcome drink and enjoy a delicious lunch with seafood made by professional chefs. There is beautiful emerald water and thousands of giant to small strange limestone islands that you should take in while savoring lunch.

Afternoon

Enroll in some activities after the break, such as a tour to the caverns in Halong Bay, kayaking, or swimming in the clear waters of a lovely beach (exact activities will depend on the schedule of each trip).



Return to your ship so you may rest and have dinner. While having a great time on the cruise, you can also take part in squid fishing, card games, and watch films (depending on the cruise's facilities).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Cruise in Halong Bay

Day 6: Disembark Halong Bay Cruise - Return to Hanoi

Morning

A Tai Chi lesson before breakfast in the early morning will give you a fresh start on your second day in Halong. (This activity may be different with some cruises so you should ask our sales consultant for details.)

After that, the boat will take you to see the last attraction on the itinerary, you can visit one of the most beautiful caves: Trung Trang Cave, Sung Sot Cave, Dark & Bright Cave, etc.



Check out and head to the restaurant for brunch, which is provided on the way to the cruise return to the main port. Around **11:30**, disembark and take a transfer back to Hanoi.

Notes:

- If you need an extra night in Hanoi, please contact our travel consultants to get the best support.
- The attractions you will visit in the morning will depend on the itinerary of the cruise you choose.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except overnight on train and home-stay (if any)
- All transport within Vietnam (excluding airport pick up & see off), as per itinerary.
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Sharing luxury limousine Hanoi - Sapa - Hanoi
- Shuttle bus Hanoi - Ha Long Bay - Hanoi
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

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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