

Northern Trekking & Hiking Trails Ha Giang to Ba Be 5 days

Trip overview

Let's unveil the untouched landscapes of Northern Vietnam, where nature's beauty and cultural richness converge in an extraordinary adventure. From the rugged karst mountains of Ha Giang to the lush Ba Be National Park, this five-day itinerary blends light trekking, cultural discovery, and outdoor activities.

Perfect for nature enthusiasts, culture seekers, and adventure lovers, the trip offers a glimpse into Vietnam's breathtaking natural scenery and the vibrant traditions of its ethnic communities.

- **Durations:** 5 days
- **Trip outline:** Ha Giang - Dong Van - Ba Be lake
- **Price from:** US \$961/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/northern-trekking-hiking-trails-ha-giang-to-ba-be-5-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Journey from Hanoi to Ha Giang	Hotel in Ha Giang	Lunch, Dinner
Day 2	Ha Giang - Quan Ba - Dong Van Exploration (5 - 7 km Hike)	Hotel in Dong Van	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Dong Van - Meo Vac - Bao Lac (12 - 15 km Trek)	Hotel in Bao Lac Village	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Bao Lac - Kayak On Ba Be Lake	Hotel in Ba Be	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Ba Be National Park - Return to Hanoi (5 - 7 km Trek)	NA	Breakfast, Lunch

Itinerary

Day 1: Journey from Hanoi to Ha Giang

Morning

Your journey begins at roughly **08:00**, when your guide picks you up from your hotel in Hanoi. As you leave the vibrant city behind, watch the scenery transition from urban bustle to serene countryside dotted with rice fields and small villages.



Your first stop is **Duong Lam Ancient Village**, a UNESCO-recognized treasure renowned for its unique laterite houses and rich history. Stroll along its peaceful lanes, lined with architecture dating back centuries, and visit landmarks like **Mong Phu Temple** and **Mia Pagoda**, home to 287 intricately carved statues that reflect the region's spiritual heritage.

Afternoon

For lunch, savor an authentic home-cooked meal and sample regional specialties prepared with fresh ingredients. Refreshed and energized, you continue your drive toward Ha Giang, soaking in the stunning views of rolling hills and rustic landscapes along the way.

Upon arrival in **Ha Giang City**, check in to a cozy local homestay and enjoy a traditional dinner. This will give you a glimpse into the warm hospitality and rich culture that define the region, setting the stage for an unforgettable adventure ahead.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ha Giang

Day 2: Ha Giang - Quan Ba - Dong Van Exploration (5 - 7 km Hike)

Morning

After obtaining your permit at the Immigration Office, you will begin your journey to [Dong Van](#), which winds through some of the most beautiful mountain passes in northern Vietnam. Each stretch of road offers breathtaking views of rugged peaks, lush valleys, and cascading rice terraces that seem to stretch endlessly to the horizon.



Afternoon

Stop for lunch at **Tam Son**, a quaint mountain village renowned for its tranquil beauty and traditional charm. Here, enjoy a freshly prepared local meal while taking in the peaceful atmosphere of the surrounding countryside.

The journey continues to the historic **H'mong King Palace**, a striking architectural masterpiece built in the early 20th century by Vuong Chinh Duc, a renowned Hmong leader. With its Qing Dynasty-inspired design and intricate details crafted from stone, wood, and terracotta, the palace is a fascinating testament to the area's cultural and historical heritage.



In the late afternoon, check in to the hotel in Dong Van, a perfect place to relax and recharge after the day's adventures. End your evening with a flavorful dinner at a local restaurant, where you'll enjoy authentic local

cuisine before settling in for a quiet night in the heart of this highland town.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Dong Van

Day 3: Dong Van - Meo Vac - Bao Lac (12 - 15 km Trek)

Morning

Start your day immersed in the vibrant energy of the **Dong Van Market**, a lively hub where locals from nearby villages gather to exchange goods, fresh produce, and traditional handicrafts. The market offers a rare glimpse into the daily lives of the ethnic communities in the area, showcasing their rich cultures and unique traditions.



After that, begin your journey to the French Fortress of **Pu Lo**, perched on a high pass. This historical structure, built in 1890 and abandoned in 1945, served as a strategic lookout point during colonial times. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to sweeping views of the surrounding mountains and valleys, a panorama that encapsulates the rugged beauty of Ha Giang.

Next, embark on a **7 km trek to Thien Huong Village**, a serene hamlet nestled in a valley near the Chinese border. This charming **Tay ethnic** settlement is known for its tranquil atmosphere and well-preserved cultural heritage.

Afternoon

Return to Dong Van for a hearty lunch before setting off on one of Vietnam's

most iconic routes: **Ma Pi Leng Pass**, often referred to as the "Heaven's Gate of Ha Giang." Every twist and turn reveals a new perspective of this otherworldly landscape, making it a paradise for photographers and nature enthusiasts.



As the descent begins, you'll enter the picturesque [Meo Vac Valley](#), a region defined by lush greenery and idyllic rural scenes. Continue onward to **Bao Lac**, a quaint village surrounded by rolling hills and tranquil countryside, then settle into a cozy guesthouse and unwind after the day's adventures.

Your evening concludes with a delicious dinner featuring regional specialties, giving you a taste of the local culinary heritage. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Bao Lac as you prepare for another day of exploration.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Bao Lac Village

Day 4: Bao Lac - Kayak On Ba Be Lake

Morning

Begin your morning with a journey that takes you along a secluded route winding through verdant valleys to the serene **Tay villages of Cho Ra**, before arriving at Ba Be National Park.

Upon arrival, savor a delectable local lunch, featuring fresh and authentic regional flavors. The warmth of local hospitality adds a personal touch to this immersive experience.

Afternoon

Embark on a boat tour and kayaking journey across the calm lake, gliding past hidden corners and discovering its natural wonders. **Puong Cave**, an awe-inspiring formation carved by the Nang River, awaits with its vast chambers and fascinating stalactites.



Paddle further to visit **Widow Island**, a small, enigmatic isle steeped in local legends that add a mystical element to your exploration. Take time to swim in the lake's refreshing waters, a perfect way to cool off and connect with nature.

As the sun dips below the horizon, return to your charming accommodation. Here, a **barbecue dinner** awaits, accompanied by the soothing symphony of the surrounding wilderness. Relish this serene evening as you unwind from the day's adventures and embrace the unique charm of Ba Be National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ba Be

Day 5: Ba Be National Park - Return to Hanoi (5 - 7 km Trek)

Morning

Wake up to the sounds of birdsong and enjoy breakfast at your homestay. At **07:30**, set off on a guided trek into the heart of Ba Be National Park, beginning from the peaceful **Bo Lu Village**. As you navigate through the lush jungle, your guide will share captivating insights into the park's diverse ecosystem, unique wildlife, and vibrant flora.

The journey takes you along the **Tham Khit pathways**, where you'll encounter an ancient cave hidden amidst the forest. Stroll around the lake, and enjoy panoramic views from the ranger station's observation huts, perfect for capturing stunning photographs.



Continuing onward, the hike leads you another **2 km** to the revered **An Ma Temple**, a sacred Tay cultural site dedicated to mountain and lake gods, as well as feudal generals.

Afternoon

After a fulfilling hike, have lunch before beginning your journey back to Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- AC vehicle, Round-trip transportation from selected hotels
- Accommodation at Tay's houses in Ba Be National Park
- Experienced English-speaking guide
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Bottled water
- All sightseeing tickets and travel permits
- Kayak & boat tour on Ba Be lake
- Safety and caving equipment: caving helmets, caving headlights, basic canvas hiking boots, gloves
- First Aid Kit and Medical Rescue Equipment
- All sightseeing tickets
- No extra charge after confirmation

Exclusion

- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities.
- Travel insurance.
- International & domestic flights and taxes.
- Beverage.
- Other personal expenses: drinks, souvenirs, etc

Cancellation Policy

- If cancelled up to 20 days before the tour starting date, free of charge.
- If cancelled 20 days or less before the tour starting date, 30% of the total amount is charged.
- If cancelled 10 days or less before the tour starting date, 55% of the total amount is charged.
- If cancelled 5 days or less before the tour starting date, 100% of the total amount is charged.

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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