



Halong Bay



Mia Pagoda - Duong Lam Village

HANMT 09.05 NEW
Duong Lam Village
 (day tour with lunch)

Pick up at your hotel and drive 50 km west of Hanoi to Duong Lam ancient village, featuring distinctive traits of Vietnamese village in the Red River Delta, where still preserve many hundred-year-old houses. The first stop is at Mia Pagoda on a small hill in Dong Sang Hamlet, listed as a national monument. The pagoda was built during the Tran Dynasty (1225-1406) and still preserves 287 statues of all sizes and many ancient artifacts such as the great red bell made in 1743, the bronze gong (1846), and the Lady Mia stone tables, set up in 1632. Continue to visit to the temples of King Phung Hung and King Ngo Quyen, founded in commemoration of the nation's heroes. Enjoy lunch with local foods served at a local home. In the afternoon visit to Mong Phu hamlet, the biggest and most famous hamlet of Duong Lam, graced by ancient houses made of red laterite and compacted soil. It's a unique experience for you to walk along tiny ancient alleys, visiting Mong Phu temple and some ancient houses. Drive back to downtown Hanoi and drop off at your hotel.



Mong Phu Hamlet - Duong Lam Village

HANMT 09.06 NEW
Halong Bay by Helicopter
 (day tour with lunch)

Pick up at your hotel in Hanoi and transfer to Gia Lam Helicopter airport for a 45-minute flight to Halong. On arrival, experience a helicopter cruise over Halong Bay for approximately 15 minutes and enjoy a spectacular view of Halong Bay from the air. After landing, embark a traditional-style wooden boat at a nearby wharf for a 4-hour cruise around the wondrous Halong Bay, a World Heritage site listed by UNESCO in 1994. Visit some magical grottoes, marvel at odd-shaped islands and relax in the best scenic beauty of Vietnam. Lunch of fresh seafood is served on board. Transfer to the helicopter base for a flight back to Hanoi. Pick up on returning to Gia Lam airport and drop off at your hotel in downtown Hanoi.



Daily Life - Duong Lam Village



Thai Hill Tribe Girls

HANMT 09.07 NEW
Hoa Binh
 (day tour with lunch)

Hoa Binh, about 76 km southwest of Hanoi, offers an opportunity to get to know its hill-tribe peoples, the Muong, Thai, Tay and Dao. On arrival, enjoy a cruise on the lake of the Da River Dam, where mountains, water and clouds meet. Visitors will be warmly welcomed by hospitable local residents, who live in traditional houses-on-stilts and maintain their ancient traditions and customs. The tour ends with an exciting folk show performed by colorful tribal folk (optional with surcharge). The Van Phuc silk-weaving village en route is also worth visiting.

NB: B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner.



Daily Life - Chuong village, Ha Tay



Conical Hat Market - Chuong Village



Children in Dong Ky Village

HANMT 09.08 NEW
Traditional handicraft villages
 (day tour with lunch)

Option 1:
Traditional handicraft villages of Ha Thai, Chuon Ngo, Thuy Ung, Chuong and Van Phuc in Ha Tay province

Pick up at your hotel and drive to Ha Thai village which specializes in making lacquered-bamboo products. The next stop is at the Chuon Ngo Village known as the Mother-of-Pearl village to discover the intricate and time-consuming art of mother-of-pearl inlay in objects as diverse as cupboards and jewelry boxes. After having picnic lunch, drive to Thuy Ung village where making many handicraft products from buffalo horns, including statues of animals such as birds, tigers, fish and dragonflies, and objects such

as soup ladles, house hold goods and jewelry. Leave Thuy Ung village for Chuong village where making the famous Non Quai Thao (Quai Thao hat) and palm-leaf conical hats has filled the Chuong artisans with pride for over three centuries. The last stop is Van Phuc village. This village is the biggest silk production village in Vietnam, where the best silk in Vietnam comes from. Stop to visit some silk hand-making families, watching how local people make silk from silk worm, and listen to the story of the village. Depart for the return journey to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel.

Option 2:
Traditional handicraft villages of Dinh Bang, Dong Ky, Phu Lang & Dong Ho in Bac Ninh province

Pick up at your hotel and drive about 15 km to Dinh Bang village which was the birth place of Ly Cong Uan (or King Ly Thai To), founder of the Ly dynasty (1010-1225) and once was Thang Long capital (1010). On arrival, take a horse-drawn cart ride through the country

lanes and visit the Dinh Bang communal house and the famous Do Temple, dedicated to the 8 Ly dynasties (11th, 12th and 13th centuries). Continue to Dong Ky, the famous traditional wood carving village. Observe carpenters forming, carving and polishing wood products, making decorated pictures by snail, oyster shells. After having lunch at local restaurant in Bac Ninh town, drive to Phu Lang ceramic village. The collection of houses glint with green-moss tiles, and the village roads are lined with a medley of ceramic goods propped against the shop fronts. In the village itself you can choose from ready-made clay creations and also have the opportunity to make something yourselves. In the words of one foreign visitor, the village is a good place not only because you can meet and make friends with the locals and make original gifts for friends and relatives, but it's also "a very good place to relax". The last stop is the folk-painting village of Dong Ho, famous for the folk themes printed onto a special paper made from the Do tree. Return to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel.