



"Inland Halong Bay" - Ninh Binh



Sampans ride - Ninh Binh



Stilt House of Thai Minority



Train to Sapa

HANMT 09.09 Hoa Binh & Ninh Binh (2D/1N Program)

Day 1: Hanoi - Hoa Binh - Ninh Binh (-, -, -)
Morning pick up at your hotel in Hanoi and drive to Hoa Binh, about 76 km southwest of Hanoi. On arrival take a boat ride on the Da River, then visit the villages of the Muong and Dao tribes. Enjoy a cultural show (optional with surcharge). Afternoon leave for Ninh Binh. Stay overnight in Ninh Binh.

Day 2: Ninh Binh - Hanoi (B, -, -)
Morning visit the Dinh & Le dynasty temples in Hoa Lu, an ancient capital of Vietnam (968 - 1009). Continue with a sampan ride to Tam Coc, known as Vietnam's "inland Halong Bay". Paddle through three enormous caves and view local fisher folk, village life along the river and, of course, the striking limestone karst formations. Move onwards to the Bich Dong cave pagodas dating from the 17th century. Afternoon visit Bai Dinh pagoda with a biggest bronze statue of Buddha in Viet Nam, weighing 100 tons, three bronze statues featuring three tenses - past, present and future - weighing 50 tons each, a largest bronze 36-ton bell and 500 white-stone Arhat statues. Drive back to Hanoi (100 km) and drop off at your hotel.



A Wind Musical Instrument - Sapa

HANMT 09.10 Sapa by Train (2D/3N Program)

Day 1 (Mon/ Tue/ Wed/ Fri/ Sat): Departure from Hanoi (-, -, -)
Transfer to Hanoi Railways Station catch the night train for Lao Cai, which departs at approximately 21:30. Stay overnight aboard train.

Note: *Overnight stay is based on sleeping compartment sharing with other passengers, unless private cabin is requested and all berths are paid for.*

Day 2 (Tue/ Wed/ Thu/ Sat/ Sun): Lao Cai - Bac Ha - Sapa (B, -, -)
Arrive at Lao Cai station in the early morning (approximately 5:30). Breakfast served at a hotel restaurant in Lao Cai, the border town to Yunnan, China. Drive on winding roads to one of the most exciting fairs of ethnic minorities in Lao Cai: the Tuesday Coc Ly Fair, or the Wednesday Cao Son Fair, or the Thursday Lung Khau Ninh fair, or the Saturday Can Cau Fair, or the Bac Ha Sunday Fair. In



Exciting Fair

the afternoon proceed to Sapa town, about 1,500m above sea level. Stop over at Ta Phinh village, home to Red Dzao and Hmong people living in a hillside meadow. Stay overnight in Sapa.

Day 3 (Wed/ Thu/ Fri/ Sun/ Mon): Sapa - Lao Cai - Hanoi (B, -, -)
Enjoy a full day tour of Sapa. Visit Sapa Market, the Black H'mong and Dzay villages of Lao Chai, Ta Van. Afternoon visit the Black H'mong village of Cat Cat. Transfer to Lao Cai Railways Station to catch a night train (approximately 20:15) to Hanoi. Stay overnight aboard the train.

Day 4 (Thu/ Fri/ Sat/ Mon/ Tue): Arrival in Hanoi (-, -, -)
Arrive at Hanoi Railways Station early in the morning (approximately 4:30). Pick-up and transfer to your hotel in Hanoi.

Note: *The tour itinerary is sometimes subject to small modifications depending on weather and road conditions, train schedules, hotel room availability.*

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



Exciting Fair

HANMT 09.11 Northwest hill tribes (5D/ 5N Program)

Hanoi - Hoa Binh - Mai Chau - Son La - Dien Bien - Sapa - Hanoi

Day 1: Hanoi - Hoa Binh - Mai Chau (-, -, -)
Meet at your hotel in downtown Hanoi and transfer to 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. Drive 60km to Mai Chau, surrounded by a green valley and stilt houses of Thai minority. Evening: cultural show at the Thai village of Ban Lac (optional with surcharge). Stay overnight in Mai Chau.

Day 2: Mai Chau - Son La (B, -, -)
Depart a morning scenic drive 190km to Son La. In the afternoon visit Son La museum, visit the relic of Son La prison in the French war period. Stay overnight in Son La.



Handicraft - Mai Chau

Day 3: Son La - Dien Bien (B, -, -)
Drive 170km to Dien Bien. In the afternoon visit Dien Bien Phu Museum, A1 hill, victory monument, General De Castries's Bunker. Stay overnight in Dien Bien.

Day 4: Dien Bien - Sapa (B, -, -)
Drive on winding roads to Sapa town with en-route visit to Red H'mong villages. Stay overnight in Sapa.



Thai Hill Tribe Girls - Dien Bien

Day 5: Sapa (B, -, -)
Start a morning trek that will take us along buffalo paths and trails and through several hill tribe villages of Lao Chai and Ta Van, home to Black H'mong, and Dzay people. This is an absolutely spectacular walk through stunning scenery inhabited by some of the friendliest people you can meet. Once at the Muong Hoa Valley floor, you can really appreciate the wonderful scenery that surrounds you. In the afternoon drop into Sapa Market, and then drive to Ta Phin visiting a Red Dao village. Transfer to Lao Cai Railways Station to catch a night train (approximately 20:15) to Hanoi. Stay overnight aboard the train.



H'mong Hill Tribe Girl

Day 6: Hanoi (-, -, -)
Arrive at Hanoi Railways Station early in the morning (approximately 04:30). Pick-up and transfer to your hotel in Hanoi.

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