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(8D/ 7N Program)



Hanoi - Sapa - Mount Fansipan - Sapa - Hanoi

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi (-, -, -)

Saigontourist representative will greet and pick you up at Noi Bai airport in Hanoi. Enjoy an evening water puppet show, a theatrical genre reflecting the agricultural civilization of thousands of years ago. Stay overnight in Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi - Lao Cai (-, -, -)

Enjoy a full day tour of Hanoi with cultural and historical highlights, comprising Lake of Restored Sword, Ngoc Son Temple, the Temple of Literature, the Ethnology Museum (closed on Monday) and a downtown pedicab ride (1 hour) round the old quarters of Hanoi, a collection of narrow streets, each named after the product sold. Afternoon visit to Vietnam Fine Arts



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museum (closed on Monday) and then drive to the famous Bat Trang pottery village with a history of 500 years. Observe the artisans forming, painting and glazing their products, which are then baked for several days in huge kilns. Transfer to Hanoi Railways Station in time to catch a night train (approximately 21:30) for Lao Cai. Stay overnight aboard the 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 3: Lao Cai - Sapa (B, -, -)

Arrive at Lao Cai Station in the early morning (approximately 5:30). Pick up and depart a scenic drive of about 40 km on winding roads to Sapa town. After breakfast served at a hotel restaurant, meet with a trekking guide and porters for preparation for the conquest of Mount Fansipan, which is considered the roof of Indochina at the height of 3,143m above sea level and about 9 km southwest of Sapa as the crow flies. PM: at leisure in Sapa. Stay overnight at a hotel in Sapa.

Day 4: Sapa - Tram Ton pass - Elevation of 2,800m (B, L, D)

Meet our support crew, who will help carry all equipment, foods and our clothing. Depart from Sapa town for an adventurous trek of 3 days to reach the summit of Mount Fansipan and back to Sapa. Drive by jeep car to Tram Ton pass (1,940m). Start an upward trek on narrow trails and through small spectacular passes in a subtropical forest to reach an elevation of 2,250m, where you will have lunch break. Continue trekking through rain forests to the first campsite at an elevation of 2,800m. The support crew will help establish camp for the night and prepare evening meal over a log fire. Stay overnight in tents.

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Day 5: Elevation of 2,800m - Fansipan summit - Elevation of 2,000m (B, L, D)

Trek on steep terrain through dense bamboo forest to the summit of Fansipan at an elevation of 3,143m. Once at the summit, spend as much time as we want, taking photographs and admiring the scenery. On a clear day there are excellent views of the surrounding mountains stretching north to the Chinese border. Descend at an elevation of 2,800m for lunch. Continue descending at an elevation of 2,000m. Stay overnight in tents.

Day 6: Elevation of 2,000m - Sin Chai - Sapa (B, L, -)

Continue descending at an elevation of 1,680m for lunch. Trek downhill all the way to Sapa. Stay overnight at a hotel in Sapa.

Day 7: Sapa - Lao Cai (B, -, -)

Full day relax and enjoy hotel facilities. Transfer to Lao Cai Railways Station to catch a night train to Hanoi (approximately 20:15). Stay overnight aboard the train

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



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On the way to Fansipan

Day 8: Lao Cai - Hanoi (-, -, -)

Arrive at Hanoi Railways Station early in the morning (approximately 04:30). Pick-up and transfer to hotel. Spend last minutes shopping before transfer to the airport for departure.

Note: This adventurous tour itinerary is sometimes subject to small modifications depending on weather and road conditions, train schedules, hotel room availability. Best Season: March to July & Sept to Dec. Porters will carry tents, food, drinks and other necessities as well as the luggage of the participants. Professional guides will be available to help trekkers through the difficult, but enjoyable, trip. No ropes or technical climbing skills are needed, just endurance and plenty of energy. The terrain is rugged, wet and often cold.