



DAY TOURS & MODULAR TOURS

FROM HANOI NEW

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Cuc Phuong National Park & Van Long Protected Area & Bai Dinh pagoda (2D/1N Program)

Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Hanoi

Day 1: Hanoi - Cuc Phuong - Ninh Binh (-, L, -)
 Pick up at your hotel in downtown Hanoi and drive 140km to Cuc Phuong National Park. The first national park in Vietnam was established in 1962 covering a limestone area of about 22,200 ha. This is a typical evergreen rain forest with five canopies consisting of three canopies of big trees, one of shrubs and one of snow grass. Prehistoric vestiges of human species and fossils of dinosaurs dating back to some 230 million years ago are also found in Cuc Phuong. On arrival, visit the park museum, the botanical garden and the endangered primate rescue centre. After lunch, have a forest trek of 5km to limestone caves and giant trees. Leave Cuc Phuong by a drive of 55 km to Ninh Binh town. Stay overnight in Ninh Binh.

Day 2: Ninh Binh - Hanoi (B, L, -)
 Depart in the morning for Van Long wetland reserve, 15 km northwest of Ninh Binh town. This protected area is a nature reserve of 2,643 hectares where visitors can take traditional bamboo sampans meandering silently through the labyrinthine rock formations and caves to view mountain scenery. Even a few Delacour langurs, a critically endangered species of primate, can be found if they are lucky enough. After lunch, 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. Return to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel.



The Hue Bridge - Hanoi

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

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Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong Cycling (3D/2N Program)

Day 1: Hanoi - Ninh Binh (B, -, -)
 Morning pick up at your hotel in Hanoi and drive about 100 km to Ninh Binh. On arrival, cycle 24 km through spectacular scenery of rice fields, limestone cliffs, and quaint rural villages to 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 formations. Move onwards to the Bich Dong cave pagodas dating from the 17th century. Stay overnight in Ninh Binh.

Day 2: Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong - Ninh Binh (B, L, -)
 Morning drive 55 km on rural roads to Cuc Phuong National Park, passing by pineapple farms, ethnic minority groups, beautiful scenery and rural villages. On arrival, visit the park museum, the botanical garden and the endangered primate rescue centre. Then cycle 20km on paved road linking headquarters with the park center. Stop to visit a cave of prehistoric man and the Vu Huong tree en route. Escorted by a park ranger, take a trek of about 6km on a scenic trail to the 1,000-year-old giant tree. Have picnic lunch at the park centre. Continue to trek 8 km to the Dang tree on a steep trail through a dense jungle. Late in the afternoon leave Cuc Phuong for a drive back to Ninh Binh town. Stay overnight in Ninh Binh.

Day 3: Van Long Protected Area - Bai Dinh pagoda - Hanoi (B, L, -)

Depart in the morning for Van Long wetland reserve, 15 km northwest of Ninh Binh town. This protected area is a nature reserve of 2,643 hectares where visitors can take traditional bamboo sampans meandering silently through the labyrinthine rock formations and caves to view mountain scenery. Cycle 12 km along raised dyke roads, viewing the romantic panorama of villages and the limestone cliffs both sides. After lunch, 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. Return to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel.



Daily Life in Ninh Binh



Welcome to Ninh Binh



Cat Ba Island

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Cat Ba National Park - Lan Ha Bay - Halong Bay - Bai Tu Long Bay (3D/2N Program)

Hanoi - Hai Phong - Cat Ba - Halong - Hanoi

Day 1: Hanoi - Hai Phong - Cat Ba (-, L, -)
 Pick up at your hotel in Hanoi and drive to Hai Phong. Board a hydrofoil ship to Binh ferry for a cruise trip to Cat ba island (45 minutes). Have a land transfer to your resort. Then drive to the entrance of Cat Ba National Park, where you will start a long trek to explore the dense forest of Cat Ba National Park. Trek 6 km through the forest to Frog Pond. After having picnic lunch, continue trekking for another 3 km to Viet Hai village. Board a wooden boat at Viet Hai Pier for a boat cruise to the Beo Pier. Stay overnight on Cat Ba island.

Day 2: Cat Ba - Lan Ha Bay (B, L, D)

Transfer to the pier to embark a wooden boat for a 2-day/1-night cruise through Lan Ha Bay, Halong Bay and Bai Tu Long Bay. Set sail through Lan Ha Bay, a tranquil corner south of Halong Bay, which boasts a wild beauty of clustered islets and crescent beaches. Lunch with fresh seafood served while cruising. Continue cruising to Ba Trai Dao Lagoon and Ho Ba Ham sea tunnels. Optionally enjoy a relaxing kayak ride. Stay overnight on board.

Day 3: Lan Ha Bay - Halong Bay - Bai Tu Long Bay - Hanoi (B, L, -)

Wake up in the early morning for a sunrise view of bay's landscape from the upper deck, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee, fresh fruits and cake. Set sail again through Halong Bay and then Bai Tu Long Bay. Optionally enjoy a relaxing kayak ride. Lunch served while cruising. Arrive at Halong pier at noon. Disembark and visit a local market nearby. Drive back to Hanoi with stops-over at ceramic and hand embroidery workshops en route. Drop off at your hotel.