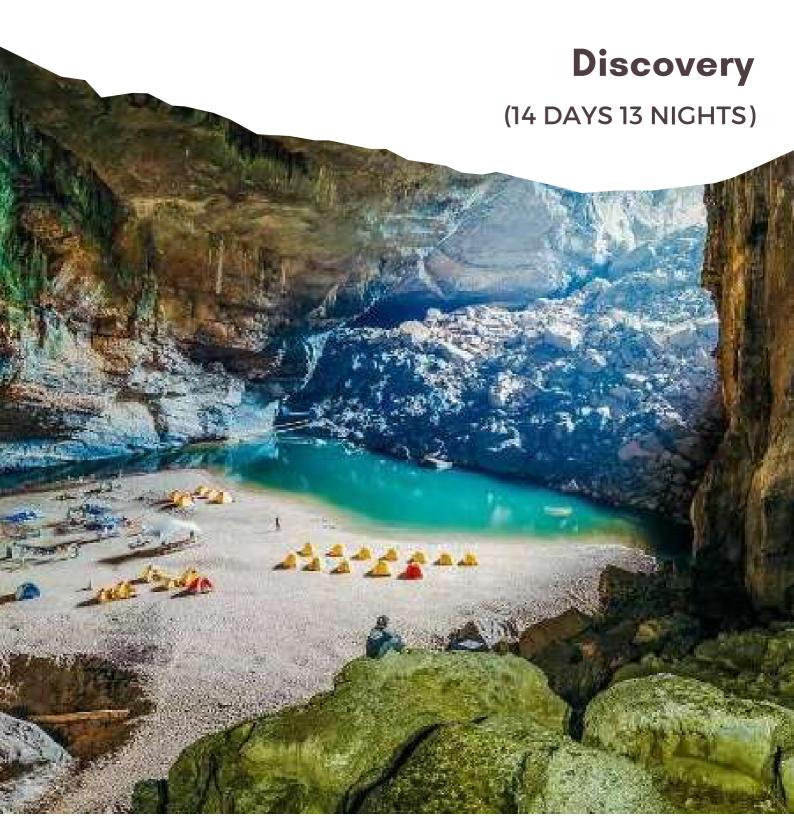
# HANG-ÉN Lour



# Overview



Payment Term(s)

50% deposit payment: 60 days prior departure date 40% progress payment on arrival to Vietnam 10% last payment: 14 days after departure date from Vietnam

#### **Cancellation conditions:**

30% penalty upon 30 days; 50% penalty upon 15 days before departure date to Vietnam with written notice 0% penalty lockdown

A trekking trip through the beautiful mountainside that still retains the wild beauty of Vietnam. Sail on the sea to be immersed in the vivid life of the fishing village. Discover the history of the lands that have gone into legend.

You will surely be amazed at the wonderful view of rice paddies in the high mountains of Sapa. The green of the forest, the white of the mist, and the yellow of the rice fields. The harmonious colors paint a majestic picture of the collaboration between nature and the local tribes. Discovery of Paradise cave and Hang Én (Swallow cave) to see the imprints of time on stalactite deposits in the deepest cave in Asia. You will have an unforgettable experience trekking through the forest and camping inside the mountain cave.

#### **Inclusive**

- Accommodation: 13 nights at hotel or homestay
- Meal: 13 Breakfast, 2 Lunch, 1 dinner
- Transportation:# Express coach # Private car # Boat # Domestic flight
- Single visa to Viet Nam

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- International flight with airport taxes
- Gratuities for tour guides and drivers
- Single hotel room
- Travel insurances. We highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- All other services not specified in the itinerary

#### VIEW TRIP NOTES





#### **Included Experiences**

 Walking through the bustling Old Quarter with thirty-six streets

# Day 1 - Arrival in Hanoi. Ancient pagodas, top museums and amazing street foods

On the first day of the tour, you will reach Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. A city which famous for its combination of traditional beauty and modern hustle and bustle. Hanoi retains a gentle antiquity, with streets of green trees dotted along cool lakes.

When visiting Hanoi, the tour leader will welcome you and take you on a short orientation tour of the city. You'll wander through the vibrant streets of the bustling Old Quarter, each named after different crafts: Silk Street, Paper Street, Sail Street, etc. They have been here since the 13th century. These thirty-six streets filled with colorful goods for sale are known by locals as the maze in the heart of the city. Walking in the old quarter, you will be able to observe the classical architectural styles with narrow facades, mossy tile roofs, worn yellow paint evoking the Indochina spirit of the past. You will find that these small alleys can take you anywhere. At the end of the day, there is nothing better than enjoying cool beers on the sidewalk in Tay streets, maybe dine on a lotus-stem salad (nom ngo sen), fried tofu (dau chien ron) and watching the rhythm of Hanoi life flowing in front of your eyes.

**Meal provided:** Welcome lunch or dinner **Accommodation:** Lacasa Hotel (or similar)

# Day 2 - Hanoi, a half day city tour. Drive to Halong Bay. Mythical seascapes and breathtaking karsts

On the second day, after breakfast, you will join a Hop-on Hop-off bus for Hanoi's city tour: from down town, with picked up point from Frog Flower Garden to Military History Museum, Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, Quan Thanh Temple, Tran Quoc Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex where the father of modern day Vietnam declared the nation's independence in 1945, Presidential Palace built by the French colonialists in the early 20th century, Ho Chi Minh's House of Stilts and the One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, Hoa Lo Prison, Hanoi Cathedral, Vietnamese women's Museum, Hanoi Opera House. Visit the intricate Ngoc Son Temple that resides on Hoan Kiem Lake, alleged home of an infamous 200kg turtle named Cu Rua.





**Meal provided:** : Breakfast, lunch **Accommodation:** Phat Linh Hotel or

D'lioro Hotel 4\* (Ha Long)

coast in Vietnam. Your destination is Ha Long Bay, one of the most spectacular natural landscapes in Asia.

Ha Long Bay has been recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is on many lists of natural wonders of the world. Ha Long translates to "The place where the dragon descends to the sea". This name was born from the otherworldly natural setting, where clusters of limestone islets rise from the clear jade green water. Legend has it that a dragon came down from the sky,

vigorously swung its tail and created the natural wonder that is Ha Long Bay. The

dragon's scales remain in the sparkling

turquoise of the sea.

After a soft lunch, you will be taken to the Bay of Tonkin on the Northeastern

#### Day 3 - Halong Bay on traditional boat. Return back to Hanoi

Early on the third day, we will set sail and pass hidden lagoons, thick forests, and dreamy grottos. Stop to explore the Sung Sot Cave and have the chance to explore some of the limestone caverns that pepper the landscape in Bay. When reaching into fishing villages on the islands with very unique activities of indigenous people, you can observe the traditional three-bane boats gliding gently across the water. Here you may participate in various activities, such as fishing, boating and swimming, and enjoy fresh seafood for lunch. Feel the serenity kicking in immediately as we drift the limestone island seas of the Gulf of Tonkin.

Ha Long tour ends after lunch time, you will return to Hanoi.



#### **Included Experiences**

- Visit the wild grottos of the Sung Sot Caves in Halong Bay
- Visit Ti Top islands



Meal provided: Breakfast; lunch

**Accommodation**: Lacasa Hotel 4\* (or similar)

#### Day 4 - Sapa. The city in the mist

Enjoy an early breakfast before boarding an express bus to Sapa, is about 370 kilometers north of Hanoi.

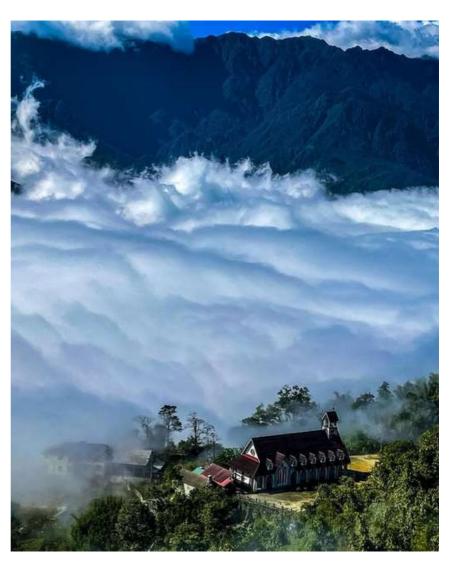
Sapa is a town in Northern Vietnam, located about 370 kilometers north from Hanoi. Being a stone's throw from the Chinese border, Sapa is home to several ethnic tribes, namely the H'mong and Yao groups, the Tay, Zay and a small number of Xa Pho. Sapa is a hidden treasure with many miracles of natural scenery. The green of the forest, the white of the mist, and the yellow of the rice fields paint a majestic picture of the collaboration between nature and people. Sapa is gifted with a moderate and cool climate in the summer, wet and foggy and cold in winter with many diverse nuances.

The high altitude means that the region is often embraced by passing clouds, turning Sapa into the city in the mist, a fairytale land on Earth. Life is slow and gentle in Sapa, where the economy relies primarily on agriculture and tourism. The town of Sapa is small and easy to navigate, with minimal car traffic.

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Dao Spa or Muong Hoa homestay





# Day 5 - Sapa - Visit ethnic minority villages



**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Dao Spa or Muong Hoa homestay

#### **Included Experiences**

Experience with the life and culture of mountainous ethnic groups



Around 10 kilometers outside of Sapa lies the villages of Lao Chai and Ta Van. These are the villages of the Black H'mong and Red Dao ethnic tribe. Despite their close proximity, these groups differ widely in culture - from the languages they speak to architecture, customs and traditions. These villages are situated in the Muong Hoa valley in the stunning Hoang Lien Son Mountain range.

On the 5th day, you will travel to Cat Cat village, known for its waterfalls and water mills, and Lao Chai village of Red Dao tribe or Ta Van village of H'Mong tribe. At Ta Van, the local people's life is still very idyllic, quiet, not noisy and urbanized like other villages in this mountainous region of Sapa. Unlike Cat Cat village, Ta Van village in the Mong ethnic language, means a large arc, because the village leans against the Hoang Lien Son Mountain range and the front is a winding Muong Hoa stream. You will experience the living space of these indigenous peoples, with thatched-roof houses on the mountainside built from the soil and wood of the H'Mong tribe.

#### Day 6 - Sapa - Trekking trip with local guide (Optional fee)



Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Dao Spa or Muong Hoa homestay

This is going to be the most anticipated day of your Vietnam experience: a trek through the jungle. In the past, walking through the forest was the only way to travel between villages in Sapa. Today, it is relatively easy to visit by car or motorbike because the road conditions are much improved, but walking through the forest is still a special adventure that you should not miss. Trekking trips have many levels from easy to difficult, depending on your experience and needs. For long expeditions to remote villages, you'll want to hire experienced trekking guides - local people. Along the way, you will be able to chat and learn about new cultures, as well as immerse yourself in the beautiful natural scenery in Sapa.

Day 7 - Visit Sapa town. Local markets and Fancipan mountain top

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lacasa Hanoi Hotel 4\*

(or similar)

#### Free time Add-ons

 Climb by cable car to the top of Fansipan mountain



After breakfast, you will check out at Ta Van's homestay. This day is a day for you to enjoy as you wish. Why not explore the town of Sapa and take in the atmosphere and pace of life? Don't forget to visit the Stone church, an architectural masterpiece in the Northwest. You can visit various local shops and markets and enjoy the food, drinks or coffee which you cannot experience anywhere other than the mountainous areas of Northern Vietnam. In addition, you can take a tour by cable car to the top of Mount Fansipan at 3,142 meters, the highest mountain peak in the Indochina peninsula. But this activity is depends on the weather.

You will return to Hanoi by express car in the evening. Stay at night in Hanoi.

Day 8 - Fly to Quang Binh. World class cave adventures and jungle eco-tours



#### **Included Experiences**

 Experience with cave worth visiting in Quang Binh, Phong Nha cave



**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang Hotel 4\* (or similar)

On the 8th day of our adventure, we will fly to Quang Binh – Central Vietnam. Just over 8000 square kilometers, this area is not too large, but is a land of many famous beautiful landscapes of Vietnam. Quang Binh is well-known as the "Land of caves" with over 400 large and small caves, i.e Son Doong, Paradise, Phong Nha, Én cave and beautiful pristine beaches. You will be able to visit the place of "Fairy Tales" or "Royal Palace in the ground" - Phong Nha, Ke Bang. This is the deepest natural cave in Asia, and is also known as "The Cave of Wonder". Phong Nha means "the wind flows through the teeth". The stalagmites at the entrance of the cave are said to resemble teeth, and the entrance the mouth. We will travel by boat on the aquamarine Son River, winding around the Ke Bang limestone karsts adorning the landscape. A trip to Quang Binh is not complete without experiencing Phong Nha. You will be amazed by the picturesque river scenery as you pass by workers tending to their rice paddies and buffalo bathing in the water.





Day 9 - Quang Binh. Explore dry Paradise (Thien Duong) cave

Journey on 16 km of the Ho Chi Minh trail, crossing the shady very old forests, you will reach the area of Paradise (Thien Duong) Cave, the longest dry cave in Asia. Discovered only 25 years ago after hiding deep in the ground for many centuries, Paradise Cave is a beautiful labyrinth of jagged walkways and imposing stalactites. Continue moving on the tram at the tourist center more than 1.3 km and 525 steps to visit the Paradise Cave. You will spend full day to enjoy the nature, mountains and fresh air that can't be found anywhere else. The entrance of Thien Duong Cave is small, about 1.2 meters only, but it will be a wonderful surprise and amaze for you when you step inside with the ethereal of carvings and drooping stalactites which hang beneath a canopy of sparkling gems.

#### **Included Experiences**

 One day walking trip to explore topattraction Paradise Cave in Quang Binh

**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang Hotel 4\* (or similar







Day 10 - Quang Binh. Overnight camping in the cave (Option)

The next 2 days will be spent visiting Tu Lan cave and Hang Én (Swallow cave).

Swallow Cave has long been a famous place, having appeared in publications such as National Geographic, The New York Times, Lonely Planet and Good Morning America.

Swallow Cave was also used as a location in the 2015 Warner Bros. movie 'Pan'.

Your two days one night trekking activities include exploring the world of stalactites, venturing through forests and streams, swimming in caves and a night of camping in the beautiful land of Quang Binh.

#### Free time Add-ons

2 days 1 night trekking tour in Swallow cave (Phong Nha cave system)

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang Hotel 4\* (or similar)

#### Day 11 - Quang Binh. Swimming and relax time

After the days of adventuring through rugged terrain and immersing yourself in wild nature, it's time to relax. Sunbathe, swim, and have a rest at a comfortable hotel on Quang Binh beach.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang

Hotel 4\* (or similar)





### Day 12 – Hochiminh city (Saigon). Buzzing streets with coffee culture

You will fly from Quang Binh to Ho Chi Minh City – Saigon in the morning.

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. This is one of Asia's most exhilarating cities. A fury of sights and sounds, the striking contrast of ancient pagodas and imposing skyscrapers form Saigon's dizzying backdrop. At street level, parades of motorbikes flow passed mammoth malls, tucked away temples and wooden spice shacks that fill the air with an aromatic balance of sweet and spicy aromas.

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel 3\* (or similar)

#### **Included Experiences**

- View the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office & Presidential Palace
- Learn about the tragic and fascinating Vietnam war at the War Remnants Museum, Ho Chi Minh-Saigon

When coming to Ho Chi Minh City, you will have an afternoon city tour to explore the most developed city in Vietnam, the economic heartbeat of the country and a bustling metropolis. You will visit Reunification Palace where the Vietnam War ultimately concluded, the charming neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral at the head of the city, the historic Post Office, constructed in a French architectural style in the late 19th century, the fascinating War Remnants Museum that presents retired artillery pieces alongside harrowing exhibitions.

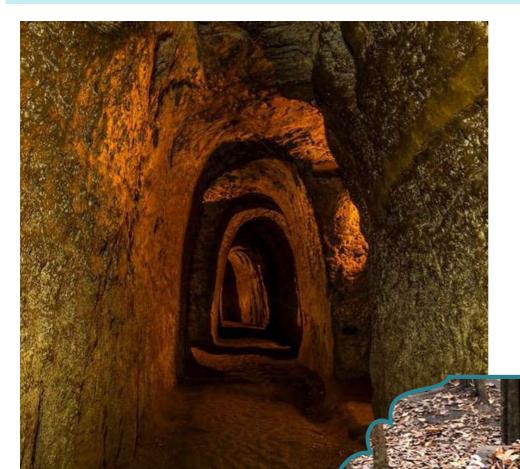




#### Day 13 - Saigon city tour and a half day Cu Chi tunnels in Tay Ninh

A half day option is to join an excursion out to the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground defense system 55km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City.

The Saigon night tour by motorbike (optional fee) will give you an adventure that you won't forget. It shows all aspects of Saigon nightlife. Take the ride of your life to meet the people, see the culture, and taste the authentic flavors of Saigon, Chinatown, hidden Vietnamese-styled coffee shops live music, and raucous bars in walking Nguyen Hue Street or Bui Dien (Phố Tây) street. This is the quintessential night tour of Saigon, combining the best food, culture, and nightlife that Saigon has to offer. You can join the busy traffic of Saigon on the back of a motorbike while stopping at some of the best eateries, experiencing nightlife like a true local.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel 3\* (or similar)

#### **Included Experiences**

 Discover an immense underground world at the Cu Chi war tunnels

#### Free time Add-ons

Motorbike tour in Saigon at night

Must-try delicious traditional foods:
 Bánh mì (Vietnamese sandwich), Phở (Vietnamese noodle), Bia hơi (fresh beer) in walking Nguyen Hue Street or Bui Dien Street or Ben Thanh market



Day 14 - Saigon. End tour trip

You have completed your excursion! After breakfast, the last day is a free day in Ho Chi Minh City. You can explore Saigon by your own, enjoying the city and its many delights at your own pace as you prepare to say goodbye to a beautiful country, Vietnam.

Meal provided: Breakfast



A 14 days tour or similar is just your beginning of exploration journey in Vietnam. You continue on to your extension to sharing with us your private wishes for the rest of your holiday.

We are here to fulfil your dream.

- 1. Luxury escape in the high-end resort on the white sandy beach?
- 2. (Every where on 3,000 kilometer S-shape coastline in tropical climate zone)
- 3. Explore the world-recognized amazing caves? (Central Vietnam)
- 4. Find your inner-self in the primary forest? (Highland region)