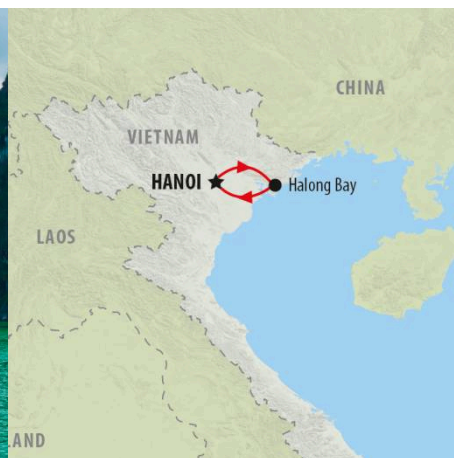


# Hanoi & Halong Bay

5 days | Starts/Ends: Hanoi



*PRIVATE TOUR: See northern Vietnam's most captivating destinations with a 5 day break that covers the best of Hanoi from the Old Quarter to Ba Dinh Square with a night spent on a traditional junk boat cruising around Halong Bay.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- Hanoi - Vietnam's charming capital with French colonial glamour and Asian spirit
- Ba Dinh Square - Home to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the One Pillar Pagoda
- Museum of Ethnology - Fascinating displays of Vietnam's colourful ethnic groups
- Old Quarter - Atmospheric narrow streets with traditional shop fronts and busy cafes
- Halong Bay - UNESCO Listed region with thousands of stunning limestone peaks and islets
- Junk boat cruising - Spend a night on board with time to relax on the sundeck

### What's Included

- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Guided sightseeing on day 2 conducted by a local English speaking specialist guide
- 3 nights 4 star hotel (3 and 5 star hotel options available - please enquire) and 1 night on board a traditional junk boat in Halong Bay (private en suite cabin)
- Activities on days 3 and 4 on shared basis on a shared junk boat
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer on day 5
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees to all included sites

### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 : Welcome to Vietnam

Welcome to Hanoi, one of southeast Asia's most charismatic cities with just the right amount of colonial charm and modern commotion with mopeds zipping along narrow streets lined with traditional houses and shopfronts. On your arrival at Hanoi's international airport you will be met and transferred

to your hotel for check in (available from 2pm onwards). The remainder of the day is at leisure so you may wish to head out and explore Hoan Kiem Lake.

### Overnight - Hanoi

### Day 2 : Hanoi City Tour



Today's sightseeing tour takes in the best of Hanoi, kicking off with Ba Dinh Square where the squat granite mausoleum of Vietnam's most famous leader - Ho Chi Minh - is laid to rest. Close by is the attractive and well-preserved stilted house where Ho once lived, now surrounded by well-tended gardens. Next up on the itinerary is the historic Buddhist temple known as the One Pillar Pagoda.

Touring continues with the Temple of Literature, the first university to have been built in Vietnam back in the 11th century. The complex features pagodas, courtyards, ponds and

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ancient trees making it a lovely spot for a little wander. Get to know Vietnam's colourful ethnic groups at the absorbing Museum of Ethnology. A highlight of your visit is sure to be the full-scale village houses arranged in the garden of the grounds.

Later this evening discover Hanoi's historic heart and soul as you head out on a walking tour of the Old Quarter where you can sample some of the city's tastiest snacks and street food from noodles to pancakes. The final stop of the day is the lively 'international corner' where locals and visitors alike gather to enjoy a cold beverage watching city scenes play out in front of them. **Overnight - Hanoi (B)**

## Day 3 : Cruising Halong Bay



This morning depart Hanoi and transfer to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the jewel in Vietnam's scenic crown. Board a traditional junk boat for a cruise among the karst islands, carpeted with vegetation and rising dramatically from the vivid green waters of the bay. During your cruise you'll pass striking rock formations and sample a delicious lunch of freshly caught fish and seafood.

In the afternoon there will be the chance to swim in the waters, watch a cooking demonstration out on deck or simply relax on one of the loungers enjoying the incredible vistas. The day ends with a gastronomic feast with the other guests on board. **Overnight - Halong Bay (B, L, D)**

## Day 4 : Tai Chi and Caves



Start the day with a calming Tai Chi lesson, often accompanied by an amazing sunrise and the quiet breathtaking beauty of the bay's landscape. It's the perfect way to start your day. On the way back to the harbour the boat will pass many beautiful spots, stopping for the chance to explore Surprise Cave, one of the bay's many impressive caves that have been illuminated with neon lights to reveal a magical landscape of mineral formations.

Returning back to dock you will be met and transferred back to Hanoi by car where the remainder of the evening is at leisure. **Overnight - Hanoi (B)**

## Day 5 : Depart Hanoi

Today marks the end of your touring arrangements with a departure transfer to the airport in time for your onward departure flight. (B)

### ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.**

#### Lan Vien Hotel

A warm welcome awaits guests at the Lan Vien Hotel. The hotel offers spacious rooms with luxury hard wood flooring and excellent marble en suite facilities. Wi-Fi is available throughout and the

sumptuous buffet breakfast on the 11th floor restaurant affording fantastic views across the city is a wonderful way to start the day.



#### The Ann Hotel

In the centre of Hanoi sits the contemporary and sophisticated The Ann hotel. Guest rooms are spacious and well appointed with delightful en suite facilities including bath and shower. The hotel boasts both a bar and restaurant. The swanky A lounge offers a wonderful selection of beverages and diners can enjoy the Onyx house for delicious local and international dishes on A la carte or buffet style. Our top tip is to head to the roof top pool for a refreshing dip and wonderful views across the city.



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### Sunway Hotel

This ambient, boutique hotel combines traditional appeal with modern pleasures. Rooms are furnished in a contemporary fashion with an array of amenities for added comfort. Its restaurant provides a great variety of Vietnamese cuisine and you are welcome to enjoy cocktails and live music in the Jazz Bar or relax in the hotel's health spa.



### Bhaya Classic I Junk Boat

This premier cruise boat offers 18 well appointed cabins with en suite amenities. Cabins are contemporary in design, whilst the finer touches have a distinct oriental influence. All cabins feature large windows creating a bright and airy atmosphere as well as scenic views. Facilities and services onboard include a dining room and bar, a sunbathing area on-deck, masseur and small library.



### Syrena Junk Boat

A tradition hand crafted boat, the Syrena Junk Boat offers superb en suite air conditioned cabins with comfortable interiors and balconies. The on board Lotus Restaurant serves up a delicious array of Vietnamese and International cuisine. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the public areas.

Swimming, kayaking and tai chi are all offered on board and movie nights are also very popular.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single Room' price is applicable when a single room is required, based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults.

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