Northeast Vietnam Adventure: Ba Be Lake & Ban Gioc Waterfall – 5 Days

5D / 4N	Moderate	Private	USD 899 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Journey through Vietnam's lesser-known northeastern region on a 5-day private tour. Discover the tranquil waters of Ba Be Lake, trek to a Dzao village, and witness the majestic Ban Gioc Waterfall. Experience local culture with homestay accommodation and authentic meals.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Cao Bang

TOUR OVERVIEW

This 5-day private journey through Northeast Vietnam unveils a region of profound natural beauty and authentic local culture. Beginning in Hanoi, the tour takes you deep into the serene landscapes surrounding Ba Be Lake, Vietnam's largest natural freshwater lake. You will discover remote ethnic communities, navigate tranquil waters by boat, and trek through picturesque countryside. The adventure culminates at the magnificent Ban Gioc Waterfall, a breathtaking cascade on the border with China, complemented by an exploration of the fascinating Nguom Ngao Cave.

Tour Highlights

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Trekking to a remote Dzao village for an intimate glimpse into local life and traditions.

Witnessing the grandeur of Ban Gioc Waterfall, a major Southeast Asian cascade.

Exploring the unique geological formations and echoing chambers inside Nguom Ngao Cave.

Experiencing authentic local life through a welcoming homestay in Ba Be.

Savoring traditional Vietnamese dishes prepared by local families.

Traversing scenic mountain passes and rural landscapes of Cao Bang Province.

Route Summary

The expedition commences with a scenic drive from Hanoi to Ba Be Lake, where you will spend two nights experiencing the tranquil environment and local hospitality. From Ba Be, the route continues north to Cao Bang Province, serving as a base for exploring the dramatic Ban Gioc Waterfall and the mystical Nguom Ngao Cave. The journey concludes with a return transfer from Cao Bang back to Hanoi.

Who This Tour Suits

This private tour is ideal for solo travelers seeking a peaceful retreat away from conventional tourist routes. It appeals to those with an interest in nature, cultural immersion, and soft adventure, offering a chance to connect with indigenous communities and witness spectacular natural wonders.

Practical Information

Transportation throughout the tour is provided by private car, ensuring comfort and flexibility. Key activities include trekking and a private boat tour on Ba Be Lake. Accommodation features two nights in a local homestay at Ba Be, offering a genuine cultural experience, followed by two nights in a hotel in Cao Bang City. Meals are comprehensively covered, including four breakfasts, five picnic lunches, and four dinners, allowing you to savor regional flavors.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi to Ba Be Lake Transfer & Local Dinner

Meals: Picnic Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Homestay in Ba Be | Transport: Car

Your journey begins with an early morning departure from Hanoi at 08:30. A private driver will meet you, commencing the scenic transfer towards Ba Be Lake. As the urban landscape fades, you'll pass through captivating rural areas, revealing lush green forests, majestic limestone peaks, and the promise of unspoiled natural beauty. A stop will be made in Bac Kan town for an early lunch, offering a taste of local cuisine.

The afternoon continues with the drive to Ba Be Lake, a journey of approximately two hours. Upon arrival, you have the flexibility to either relax after the morning's travel or take a gentle walk to explore the immediate surroundings of your homestay. This provides an initial opportunity to absorb the peaceful atmosphere of this renowned area.

As evening descends, prepare to enjoy a unique culinary experience. Dinner will be served featuring special dishes prepared by your local hosts, providing an authentic taste of the region and a warm welcome to the community.

Activities: Scenic drive from Hanoi; Enjoy local lunch in Bac Kan; Explore Ba Be Lake surroundings; Savor a local dinner at homestay.

Day 2 — Ba Be Lake Boat Trip & Dzao Village Trek

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Homestay in Ba Be | Transport: Private boat, Trekking

Start your day with a substantial breakfast at the homestay, preparing for a day filled with exploration. Following breakfast, you will embark on a private boat tour across the tranquil waters of Ba Be Lake. As Vietnam's largest freshwater lake, it offers breathtaking scenery, with lush natural surroundings and dramatic karst formations reflecting in its emerald surface.

During the boat excursion, a stop is made at Dau Dang Waterfall. Here, you'll enjoy a refreshing picnic lunch amidst the natural beauty of the woods, providing a peaceful break and energy for the afternoon's activities. The afternoon transitions into a trekking adventure, leading you to a remote Dzao village.

This trek offers an invigorating experience, allowing you to appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the local residents and interact directly with the Dzao community. After your cultural immersion, you will return to the homestay, where a delightful

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dinner awaits, concluding a day of discovery and local engagement.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at homestay; Embark on a private boat tour of Ba Be Lake; Have a picnic lunch at Dau Dang Waterfall; Trek to a remote Dzao village; Interact with Dzao locals; Return for dinner at homestay.

Day 3 Ba Be to Cao Bang & Ethnic Community Visit

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Cao Bang City | Transport: Car

After enjoying breakfast, you will depart from Ba Be and begin your transfer to Cao Bang Province. This scenic drive takes you through diverse landscapes, offering glimpses into the lives of various ethnic communities, including the Nung, H'mong, and Tho people, who inhabit this mountainous region. Upon reaching Cao Bang, you will have lunch at a local restaurant to refuel before proceeding to check into your hotel.

The afternoon is dedicated to a cultural exploration within Cao Bang City. You will spend approximately two hours visiting a traditional village, observing the daily routines and unique lifestyles of its local residents. This provides a valuable insight into the customs and traditions preserved within these communities, offering a deeper understanding of the region's heritage.

Following your village visit, you will return to your hotel in Cao Bang City, where the evening is free for you to relax and enjoy dinner at your leisure, reflecting on the day's cultural encounters.

Activities: Depart from Ba Be after breakfast; Transfer to Cao Bang Province; Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant; Check into your hotel; Explore a traditional village near Cao Bang City.

Day 4 Ban Gioc Waterfall & Nguom Ngao Cave Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Cao Bang City | Transport: Car

The morning is dedicated to visiting the awe-inspiring Ban Gioc Waterfall, widely recognized as one of the most magnificent natural wonders in North Vietnam. You will have ample time to admire the powerful cascades, photograph the stunning multi-tiered falls, and soak in the majestic beauty of this cross-border landmark.

After experiencing the grandeur of the waterfall, you will enjoy lunch at a nearby local restaurant, savoring regional dishes. The afternoon continues with an exploration of the captivating Nguom Ngao Cave. This natural marvel promises an extraordinary experience, where you can marvel at remarkable stalactites and stalagmites in various formations.

Inside the cave, the unique sounds of wind and water echoing through the rock chambers create an atmospheric journey.

Following your cave adventure, you will return to Cao Bang City, where the remainder of your day is free for personal relaxation or further independent exploration.

Activities: Visit Ban Gioc Waterfall; Take photographs of the falls; Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant; Explore Nguom Ngao Cave; Marvel at stalactites and stalagmites; Return to Cao Bang City for leisure.

Day 5 Cao Bang to Hanoi Return Transfer

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: NA | Transport: Car

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Begin your final day with a pleasant breakfast at your hotel in Cao Bang City. After settling your bill and completing the check-out process, a private driver will be ready to commence your transfer back to Hanoi. The return journey offers another opportunity to appreciate the changing landscapes of Northeast Vietnam.
En route, a stop will be made for a delicious local lunch, allowing you to enjoy one last taste of the region's culinary offerings. The afternoon will see your arrival back at your hotel in Hanoi, marking the conclusion of the tour services. Please note that accommodation in Hanoi for this night is not included as part of the tour package.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast and check out from hotel; Transfer back to Hanoi with private driver; Stop for a local lunch en route; Arrive at your hotel in Hanoi.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 4 Breakfasts, 5 Picnic Lunch, 4 Dinner
- v Car, Trekking
- v Hotel (2 nights), Homestay in Ba Be (2 nights)
- v Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except home-stay.
- v All transport during tour on air - conditioned vehicle as per itinerary
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- v Meals as indicated in the program
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- x International airfare
- x Early check-in and late check-out
- x Peak season surcharges and compulsory gala dinners (if applicable)
- x Visa (passport valid for at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank visa pages)
- x Personal expenses (tips, laundry, gratuities, etc.)
- x Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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