Northern Vietnam Family Discovery: Hanoi, Villages & Halong Bay – 6 Days

6D / 5N	Easy	Private	USD 600 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This 6-day family-focused journey through Northern Vietnam combines cultural exploration with natural beauty, offering engaging activities for all ages. Discover Hanoi's historic sites, participate in traditional crafts, and cruise the breathtaking Halong Bay.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Northern Vietnam Family Adventure Overview

Embark on a captivating 6-day private tour designed for families to experience the diverse landscapes and rich traditions of Northern Vietnam. This itinerary carefully balances educational visits to historical landmarks with interactive cultural experiences and serene natural escapes. From the bustling streets of Hanoi to the tranquil waters of Halong Bay, every day offers opportunities for discovery and connection.

Journey Highlights for All Ages

Families will appreciate the thoughtful selection of activities, including hands-on pottery making in Bat Trang, a deep dive into Vietnam's history at Hanoi's iconic sites, and a relaxing overnight cruise amidst the limestone karsts of Halong Bay. Engage with local culture through a tea farm visit and traditional cooking lessons, creating lasting memories together.

Route Summary & Destinations

The journey begins and concludes in Hanoi, serving as a vibrant base for urban exploration and cultural excursions. From Hanoi, you'll venture to the artisan hub of Bat Trang Ceramic Village, explore the serene tea regions of Tan Cuong and Phuc Triu, and finally, experience the natural grandeur of Halong Bay with an overnight cruise. This route offers a comprehensive look at the region's varied charms.

Who Will Love This Tour?

This private tour is ideally suited for families with children, as well as seniors and solo travelers seeking a blend of cultural immersion and relaxation. The pace is comfortable, with ample time for exploration and leisure, ensuring that all participants can enjoy the experiences at their own rhythm. The diverse activities cater to a wide range of interests, from historical education to outdoor adventure.

Practical Information for Your Trip

Travel is facilitated by private car transfers, ensuring comfort and convenience throughout your journey. Accommodations include a mix of comfortable hotels in Hanoi and an overnight stay on a well-appointed cruise in Halong Bay. Meals are included as specified, providing a taste of local Vietnamese cuisine. An English-speaking guide accompanies you for city tours and cultural excursions, enhancing your understanding of the region.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Discover Hanoi's historic landmarks, including the Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.
* Engage in a hands-on pottery-making workshop at Bat Trang Ceramic Village.

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* Explore a traditional tea farm in Tan Cuong – Phuc Triu and learn about tea processing.
* Cruise through the spectacular limestone karsts of Halong Bay on an overnight journey.
* Participate in onboard activities like kayaking, swimming, and a Vietnamese cooking class.
* Experience early morning Tai Chi on the sundeck of your Halong Bay cruise.
* Enjoy a blend of cultural insights and natural beauty, perfect for family bonding.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 Hanoi Arrival and Leisure Time

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai Airport, a dedicated tour guide will greet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Hanoi. After checking in, you will have the opportunity to settle into your room and relax, allowing you to recuperate from your journey and prepare for the adventures ahead. The remainder of the day is free for you to spend at your leisure. There are no scheduled activities, offering flexibility for personal exploration or simply unwinding after your flight.
For those eager to immediately delve into Hanoi's charm, optional tours like a street food walking tour or a motorbike food tour by night are available upon request. These provide an excellent introduction to the city's vibrant culinary scene and bustling atmosphere. Otherwise, enjoy a peaceful evening at your hotel, anticipating the cultural discoveries of the coming days.

Activities: Airport transfer to Hanoi hotel
Check into hotel and relax
Optional: Hanoi Street Food Walking Tour
Optional: Hanoi Food Tour by Motorbike

Day 2 Hanoi City Exploration & Bat Trang Pottery Village

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car

Begin your day with a satisfying breakfast at the hotel, savoring the morning ambiance of Hanoi. Around 08:00, your guide will meet you to commence a half-day tour of Hanoi's most significant cultural and historical sites. Your first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, an architectural marvel showcasing the profound influence of Confucianism on Vietnamese education and heritage. Wander through its ancient courtyards and pavilions, reflecting on centuries of scholarly tradition.
The journey continues to Ba Dinh Square, a site of immense national importance where President Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam's independence. At the heart of this expansive square stands the solemn Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Afterward, travel along Thanh Nien Road, renowned for its picturesque views of West Lake, leading to Tran Quoc Pagoda. This ancient Buddhist temple, situated on a small island in West Lake, is one of Vietnam's most revered spiritual structures. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, sampling authentic Vietnamese dishes.
In the afternoon, venture to the outskirts of Hanoi to Bat Trang Ceramic Village. Here, you'll have the unique opportunity to

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participate in a pottery-making class, a hands-on experience that is both engaging and fun for families. Learn traditional techniques and create your own ceramic piece, gaining insight into this age-old craft. Later in the afternoon, you will be transferred back to Hanoi, with the evening free for your own leisure or further exploration.

Activities: Visit the Temple of Literature
Explore Ba Dinh Square and view Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
Stop at Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Participate in a pottery-making workshop at Bat Trang Ceramic Village
Return transfer to Hanoi

Day 3 Tan Cuong Tea Farm Cultural Immersion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car

Today, embark on a full-day excursion to the famous tea-growing region of Tan Cuong – Phuc Triu, an area deeply rooted in Vietnam's rich tea culture and rural charm. Upon arrival at a local farmstay, your morning begins with a cultural tour, exploring several iconic local landmarks. Your first destination is Dap Nam Ho Nui Coc (Nam Ho Nui Coc Dam), where tranquil waters and lush green landscapes provide a serene start to your day, perfect for enjoying the peaceful surroundings.
Continue your exploration to the Cathedral Tan Cuong, a less-known but architecturally striking spiritual site nestled within this calm tea-growing area. A visit to Yna Pagoda, perched amidst picturesque scenery, offers another spiritual dimension to your experience. If your visit coincides with a market day, you'll also have the chance to browse the vibrant Phuc Triu or Phuc Xuan Tea Market, a lively hub where local villagers trade fresh tea leaves and various daily goods, offering a glimpse into local life.
Around midday, enjoy a warm and hearty lunch at the farmstay, featuring authentic regional dishes prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. This meal provides a wonderful opportunity to savor the flavors of the countryside. The afternoon is dedicated to immersing yourself in the traditional tea-making process. Guided by local artisans, you'll engage in hands-on activities such as picking tea leaves and learning the unique pan-roasting technique known as "sao che," understanding how generations of tea farmers have preserved their craft.

Activities: Visit Dap Nam Ho Nui Coc Dam
Explore Cathedral Tan Cuong
Discover Yna Pagoda
Visit Phuc Triu or Phuc Xuan Tea Market (if operating)
Enjoy a traditional lunch at a farmstay
Participate in tea leaf picking and pan-roasting (

Day 4 Halong Bay Overnight Cruise Adventure

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on cruise | Transport: Car, Cruise

After a fortifying breakfast at your Hanoi hotel, prepare for your journey to the legendary Halong Bay. Between 08:00 and 08:30, a driver will pick you up for the transfer. Upon reaching the waiting lounge, you will complete the necessary check-in procedures before transferring by tender or speedboat to your luxurious cruise vessel. Around 12:00, you will be welcomed

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aboard with a refreshing drink, marking the start of your unforgettable bay experience.
A delicious lunch will be served in the onboard restaurant as you begin to sail past countless tiny islets, each with its unique shape, scattered across the emerald waters. The afternoon promises thrilling activities designed to let you explore the natural wonders of Halong Bay. Options include swimming in the crystal-clear waters, discovering hidden caves, kayaking through serene lagoons, or enjoying a traditional bamboo boat ride rowed by locals.
Return to the cruise in time for 'Happy Hour' from 17:00 to 17:30, where you can enjoy 'buy one, get one free' cocktails while watching the spectacular sunset over the bay. You can also join a cooking class to learn how to prepare popular Vietnamese dishes. The evening culminates with a fancy dinner served at 19:00. For those who wish to extend the night, the cruise offers exciting post-dinner activities such as squid fishing, board games, movie screenings, or simply relaxing at the onboard bar.

Activities:
Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay
Cruise check-in and embarkation
Enjoy lunch onboard while cruising
Participate in afternoon activities: swimming, cave viewing, kayaking, or bamboo boat ride
Attend Happy Hour
Join a Vietnamese cooking class
Savor a gourmet dinner
Engage in evening activities: squid fishing, board games, movie night

Day 5 Halong Bay Sunrise & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Cruise, Car

For early risers, the morning offers a chance to participate in a revitalizing Tai Chi class on the sundeck. This activity is perfect for refreshing your body and mind while breathing in the fresh, crisp air of Halong Bay as the sun rises. Following the exercise session, a light breakfast will be served, providing a gentle start to your day.
After breakfast, you will take part in a final excursion to explore more of Halong Bay's amazing rock formations, with specific activities varying based on the cruise's itinerary. Once back on board, enjoy a delightful brunch as the cruise gracefully navigates past more breathtaking vistas of Halong Bay on its return journey to the port. Upon disembarkation, a transfer service will be waiting to take you back to Hanoi.
The afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You might choose to relax at your hotel, perhaps beginning to pack your luggage, or you could embark on a self-guided exploration of Hanoi, revisiting favorite spots or discovering new ones. This free time allows for personal reflection on your Halong Bay experience or a final opportunity to absorb the vibrant atmosphere of the capital before your departure.

Activities:
Join an early morning Tai Chi class
Enjoy a light breakfast onboard
Take a final tour to explore Halong Bay's rock formations
Savor brunch while cruising back to port
Transfer from Halong Bay back to Hanoi
Free afternoon for leisure or self-exploration in Hanoi

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Day 6 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car

On your final day, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel. Take your time to complete the check-out process, with the standard check-out time being 12:00. Should you require a later check-out, arrangements can be made upon request, potentially incurring an additional charge.

After checking out, a driver will be provided to transfer you to Noi Bai Airport for your scheduled departure flight. This concludes your memorable 6-day Northern Vietnam Highlights tour, leaving you with cherished memories of cultural discoveries and natural wonders.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Complete hotel check-out
Transfer to Noi Bai Airport for departure

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 brunch, and 1 dinner as specified in the itinerary.
- v All ground transportation in an air-conditioned vehicle, including airport transfers.
- v Overnight accommodation in a shared Twin/Double room at a hotel for 4 nights.
- v One night overnight stay on a cruise in Halong Bay.
- v Services of a local English-speaking guide during tours.
- v All entrance fees for sites mentioned in the itinerary.

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

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Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 619**	Available	–
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 739**	Available	–
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 969**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 638**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 762**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 999**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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