Northern Vietnam Peaks & Southern Delta Discovery – 12 Days

12D / 11N	Easy	Private	USD 1,399 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore Vietnam's varied terrain and rich cultural heritage over 12 days. This journey combines the northern mountains of Sapa, the iconic Halong Bay, historic Hoi An, and the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, concluding with a serene Mekong Delta adventure.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Sapa → Ha Long → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City

TOUR OVERVIEW

Journey Across Vietnam: A Comprehensive 12-Day Exploration

This extensive 12-day tour offers an immersive experience across Vietnam's most captivating regions. From the ancient capital of Hanoi to the tranquil Mekong Delta, travelers will encounter a remarkable blend of history, culture, and natural beauty. The itinerary is carefully crafted to showcase diverse landscapes and local life, providing a deep understanding of this fascinating country.

Highlights of Your Vietnamese Adventure

The trip features a thrilling motorbike tour through Hanoi's historic sites, an unforgettable overnight cruise on the emerald waters of Halong Bay, and invigorating treks through Sapa's terraced rice fields. Experience the charm of Hoi An's Ancient Town, delve into the historical significance of the Cu Chi Tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City, and discover the unique riverine culture of the Mekong Delta. Each destination offers distinct experiences, from bustling city life to serene rural landscapes.

Route and Travel Experience

Your journey begins in Hanoi, then travels north to Sapa, east to Halong Bay, south to Hoi An, and finally to Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. This tour utilizes a mix of transportation methods, including flights, trains, cars, cruises, motorbikes, and bicycles, allowing for varied perspectives and efficient travel between regions. This approach ensures you experience the country's infrastructure and scenic transitions firsthand.

Who Will Love This Journey?

This tour is ideal for solo travelers and those seeking a comprehensive adventure that combines cultural immersion with active exploration. It caters to individuals interested in nature, landscapes, culture, heritage, and experiencing local life. The diverse activities, from city tours to trekking and boat rides, appeal to those who enjoy a dynamic and engaging travel style.

Essential Travel Information

Accommodation includes a mix of hotels, an overnight cruise, and a sleeper train, offering comfortable stays throughout. Most meals are included, ensuring you savor local flavors without constant planning. The tour is guided by local English-speaking experts, providing valuable insights and smooth logistics. Please note that international airfare, visas, personal expenses, and peak season surcharges are not included.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Navigate Hanoi's historic Old Quarter and significant landmarks on an exciting motorbike excursion.
* Experience an overnight cruise through the magnificent limestone karsts and emerald waters of Halong Bay.

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* Trek through the stunning terraced rice fields and visit ethnic minority villages in the Sapa region.
* Explore the ancient town of Hoi An, including a culinary motorbike tour and a unique basket boat ride.
* Discover the intricate underground network of the Cu Chi Tunnels, a significant historical site.
* Journey through the vibrant waterways of the Mekong Delta, observing local life and traditional crafts.
* Enjoy a mix of transportation, including an overnight train and domestic flight, for varied travel experiences.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival & Free Exploration

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

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'll have the remainder of the day at your leisure to settle in and begin to absorb the atmosphere of Vietnam's capital city. The standard hotel check-in time is 2:00 PM; an earlier check-in may incur an additional charge.
Use this free time to relax after your journey or venture out to explore the charming streets surrounding your accommodation. Consider an optional walking tour of Hanoi's historic Old Quarter to discover its hidden alleys and vibrant street life, or perhaps a cooking class to introduce you to Vietnamese culinary traditions.

Activities: Arrive at Noi Bai Airport; Transfer to hotel; Check into hotel; Free time for leisure or optional activities.

Day 2 — Hanoi City Motorbike Tour & Overnight Bus to Sapa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa

After breakfast, your guide will meet you around 8:00 AM for an exhilarating motorbike tour of Hanoi's most significant landmarks. Begin your cultural journey at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, which showcases traditional Confucian architecture. Continue to the unique One Pillar Pagoda, an ancient Buddhist temple known for its distinctive lotus-shaped structure.
Next, observe the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum from the exterior, the revered resting place of Vietnam's revolutionary leader (note: closed on Mondays, Fridays, and from June to August). Conclude your historical exploration at the serene Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, situated by the picturesque West Lake, admiring its majestic design and peaceful ambiance. The morning tour finishes with an authentic Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, return to your hotel to prepare for your transfer to Sapa. Enjoy the scenic drive through terraced rice fields and misty mountains before arriving in Sapa and checking into your hotel.

Activities: Motorbike tour of Hanoi; Visit Temple of Literature; See One Pillar Pagoda; View Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum exterior; Explore Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda; Enjoy authentic Vietnamese lunch; Transfer to Sapa by bus; Check into hotel in Sapa.

Day 3 — Sapa Valley Trek: Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai & Ta Van Villages

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Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa

Today's adventure begins with a trek down into the valley towards Y Linh Ho village. Here, you'll be captivated by the stunning vistas of terraced rice fields, dramatic mountain ranges, and observe the local people engaged in their daily agricultural tasks. Continue your walk to Lao Chai village, home to the Black Hmong ethnic group, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about their unique culture, customs, and daily routines.

A picnic lunch will be provided along the way, offering a chance to rest and enjoy the natural surroundings. In the afternoon, your journey proceeds to Ta Van, a village inhabited by the Zay people. This secluded settlement, often veiled in mist, is renowned for its beautiful rice paddies and untouched natural ecosystem. After experiencing the spectacular landscapes and cultural insights, a driver will transfer you back to your hotel in Sapa, leaving the rest of the day free for personal relaxation.

Activities: Trek to Y Linh Ho village; Observe terrace fields and local life; Walk to Lao Chai village; Learn about Black Hmong culture; Enjoy a picnic lunch; Trek to Ta Van village; Experience Zay culture and rice paddies; Transfer back to Sapa hotel.

Day 4 Cat Cat & Sin Chai Trekking, Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel, fueling up for your final trekking adventure in Sapa. Your destination is Cat Cat Village, a picturesque spot perfect for sightseeing and gaining insight into the daily life of mountain communities. Here, you can explore the remnants of a hydroelectric power station built by the French colonialists, marvel at the impressive Cat Cat waterfall, and observe giant bamboo water wheels in action. Take time to engage with the friendly local ethnic people and browse their handcrafted products and souvenirs. A delightful picnic lunch will be served by a tranquil river.

The trek continues for another 3 kilometers to the serene Sin Chai Village, inhabited by the Red Dao ethnic group. As you hike up the mountain, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of rice paddies, cascading waterfalls, and expansive forests. Afterward, a jeep will transfer you back to Sapa town, from where you'll take a shared limousine bus around 2:30 PM for your return journey to Hanoi. Upon arrival at your Hanoi hotel in the evening, you'll have free time to unwind and relax.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast; Trek to Cat Cat Village; Explore hydroelectric power station ruins; See Cat Cat waterfall and water wheels; Interact with local ethnic people; Shop for handicrafts; Enjoy picnic lunch; Trek to Sin Chai Village; Admire mountain views; Take jeep to Sapa town; Transfer by limousine bus to Hanoi; Check into Hanoi hotel; Free evening.

Day 5 Hanoi to Halong Bay Cruise & Overnight Stay

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Cruise in Halong Bay

After breakfast at your Hanoi hotel, a driver will pick you up around 8:00 AM for your transfer to Halong Bay, a renowned UNESCO World Heritage site. Upon arrival at the pier between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM, you will board your chosen cruise ship and begin your exploration of this magnificent bay. A delicious lunch featuring fresh seafood will be served as you glide through the breathtaking landscape of towering limestone karsts.

The afternoon offers a variety of engaging activities, which may include discovering hidden caves, kayaking through serene waters, or swimming in the refreshing sea, depending on your cruise's specific itinerary. As the day progresses, around 5:30 PM, return to the junk boat to participate in Happy Hour, watch a spectacular sunset from the sundeck, or join a Vietnamese

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cooking class to learn local culinary secrets. A delightful dinner will be served on board, followed by a peaceful overnight stay amidst the bay's tranquil beauty.

Activities: Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay; Board cruise ship; Enjoy seafood lunch on board; Explore caves; Kayak or swim; Participate in Happy Hour; Watch sunset; Join cooking class; Have dinner on board; Overnight on cruise.

Day 6 Halong Bay Exploration & Overnight Train to Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Overnight on Train

Start your second day in Halong Bay with an early morning Tai Chi class on the boat deck, or simply enjoy the serene sunrise over the bay's iconic landscape. Breakfast will be served as the boat continues its journey, cruising deeper into the bay to explore some of the most beautiful caves and islands in the area. As the cruise makes its way back to the main dock, a brunch will be provided.

Between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, you will disembark from the cruise and bid farewell to the crew. A driver will then pick you up and transfer you back to your hotel in Hanoi, allowing for some time to relax. In the evening, our driver will take you to the train station to catch an overnight train to Da Nang, providing a unique travel experience as you head south.

Activities: Optional Tai Chi class or sunrise viewing; Enjoy breakfast on board; Explore caves and islands; Have brunch; Disembark from cruise; Transfer to Hanoi hotel; Relax; Transfer to train station; Board overnight train to Da Nang.

Day 7 Da Nang Arrival, Hoi An Check-in & Motorbike Food Tour

Meals: Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Upon your arrival in Da Nang around noon, a driver will meet you and provide a transfer to your hotel in Hoi An for check-in. After settling in and refreshing, prepare for an exciting culinary adventure. At 3:00 PM, your guide will meet you to begin a local food tour by motorbike, offering a unique way to explore Hoi An's cuisine and culture.

The gastronomic journey starts at a renowned local restaurant where you'll sample Hoi An's distinctive dumplings. Next, navigate a small alley to a hidden eatery for a taste of Bun Bo, a popular beef noodle soup. Rejuvenate with a cool cup of traditional Vietnamese coffee before heading to the peaceful Tra Que Vegetable Village to admire its lush fields under the sunset. Continue to try iconic dishes like Banh Mi, Banh Khot, and the adventurous Balut. The tour concludes around 8:00 PM at a riverside restaurant, where you'll enjoy a special dinner with cold beers and delicious food. Afterward, you have free time to explore the beautifully lit Ancient Town or return to your hotel to rest.

Activities: Arrive in Da Nang; Transfer to Hoi An hotel; Check into hotel; Embark on motorbike food tour; Sample Hoi An dumplings; Try Bun Bo; Enjoy Vietnamese coffee; Visit Tra Que Vegetable Village; Taste Banh Mi, Banh Khot, and Balut; Have dinner at riverside restaurant; Explore Hoi An Ancient Town or relax.

Day 8 Cam Thanh Village Cycling & Farming Experience

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

After breakfast at your hotel, join your guide for a cycling excursion through the verdant rice paddies of Cam Thanh Ecological

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Village. This immersive farming trip offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with local agricultural practices. You'll learn the detailed steps of rice cultivation, experience riding a buffalo to rake fields, and participate in vegetable picking, among other activities.

Following your farming experience, a delicious lunch prepared with local ingredients will be served at a villager's home. After a short rest, you'll board a boat and travel down to a local fishing village. Here, you can join local fishermen in their daily fishing activities, gaining insight into their traditional livelihoods. The afternoon continues with a cruise through the lush water coconut palm jungle, where you'll witness an entertaining basketboat rowing performance. The trip concludes with a transfer back to your hotel, leaving the rest of your day free for personal enjoyment.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast; Cycle to Cam Thanh Ecological Village; Participate in farming activities (rice growing, buffalo riding, vegetable picking); Have lunch at a local's house; Take a boat to a fishing village; Join local fishermen; Cruise through water coconut palm jungle; Watch basketboat performance; Return to hotel; Free time.

Day 9 Hoi An Leisure & Flight to Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Today is dedicated to enjoying the beauty of Hoi An at your own pace. You have the entire day free to revisit your favorite spots, explore new corners of the ancient town, indulge in some shopping for local crafts, or simply relax by the river. Hoi An offers a charming atmosphere with its well-preserved architecture, vibrant markets, and numerous cafes.

Later in the day, you will be transferred to Da Nang Airport to catch your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a driver will be waiting to take you to your pre-booked hotel. After checking in, you can unwind and prepare for the next phase of your Vietnamese journey in the bustling southern metropolis.

Activities: Free day to explore Hoi An; Transfer to Da Nang Airport; Fly to Ho Chi Minh City; Arrive at Tan Son Nhat Airport; Transfer to hotel; Check into hotel; Relax.

Day 10 Cu Chi Tunnels & Ho Chi Minh City Landmarks Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a morning tour to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an extraordinary man-made marvel and a pivotal site from the Vietnam War. Your visit begins with a documentary film offering a comprehensive overview of the tunnels' history and their significance during the conflict. Afterward, you'll walk through the jungle, observing various traps, secret entrances, bunkers, and hideouts used by Vietnamese soldiers.

Explore a section of the 200-kilometer-long underground network, which housed everything from hospitals to bedrooms and ammunition storage. An optional activity (additional charge) allows you to try firing a real gun. On your return, a light lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Ho Chi Minh City. The afternoon features a city tour of Saigon's main attractions. Your first stop is the War Remnants Museum, housing extensive documents, films, and artifacts from the Vietnam War. Next, visit the Reunification Palace, a national monument marking a significant historical victory. Observe the exterior of the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, both iconic examples of French colonial architecture (Note: Cathedral is currently under renovation). Conclude your tour at a local market, where you can practice haggling, learn about local life, and shop for

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souvenirs. Return to your hotel for relaxation, with the evening free to explore the city's vibrant nightlife.

Activities: Visit Cu Chi Tunnels; Watch documentary; Walk through jungle to see traps and bunkers; Explore underground tunnels; Optional gun firing; Have light lunch; City tour of Ho Chi Minh; Visit War Remnants Museum; Explore Reunification Palace; View Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral exterior; Visit Old Post Office; Shop at local market; Free evening.

Day 11 Mekong Delta Boat & Bicycle Adventure

Transport: xe loi

Around 8:00 AM, you will be picked up from your hotel for a scenic transfer to Ben Tre Province, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival, board a boat and cruise along the picturesque Ham Luong River, a branch of the mighty Mekong. As you sail, you'll pass numerous lush islets formed by alluvial deposits, witnessing the serene riverine landscape.
The boat will make several stops at local businesses, providing insight into how residents earn their living. You'll participate in a fascinating coconut candy-making workshop, learning the craft, sampling the sweet treats, and observing how locals weave mats from straws. A short walk through a peaceful village offers a glimpse into authentic Delta life, or you can opt for a ride on a

Activities: (motorized rickshaw) through forests to visit lush fruit orchards. A delicious lunch featuring local specialties will be served at a tranquil riverside restaurant. In the afternoon, unwind with a sampan boat ride along peaceful canals, soaking in the tranquility of the Mekong. The tour concludes with your transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving around 5:00 PM, leaving your last evening free in this dynamic city.

Day 12 Departure from Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy your final breakfast in Vietnam at your hotel. Depending on your flight schedule, you will have some free time to relax or perhaps do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Around noon, please note that the standard check-out time for hotels is 12:00 PM; should you require a later check-out, arrangements can be made with an additional surcharge.
At the appropriate time, your tour guide will meet you at the hotel and provide a comfortable transfer to the airport for your onward flight, concluding your memorable 12-day journey through Vietnam.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast; Free time until departure; Transfer to airport for onward flight.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- v All transport during tour on air-conditioned vehicle as per

NOT INCLUDED

- x International airfare.
- x Early check-in and late check-out.
- x Peak season surcharges and compulsory gala dinners (if

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- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- v Meals as indicated in the program.
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- v 1 domestic flights Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City.

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.

PRICE INCLUDES

- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- v All transport during tour on air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off).
- v Overnight on Train Hanoi to Da Nang (4th berth sleeper cabin, sharing).
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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,399**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,499**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,719**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,441**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,544**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,771**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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