Northern Vietnam Romance: Hanoi, Sapa & Halong Bay – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Private	USD 919 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This 9-day private tour invites couples to explore the captivating beauty and cultural richness of Northern Vietnam, from Hanoi's historic streets to Sapa's misty mountains and the serene waters of Halong Bay.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Sapa → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview

Embark on a specially curated 9-day private journey through Northern Vietnam, designed for couples seeking a blend of cultural immersion, natural beauty, and romantic moments. This itinerary seamlessly connects the vibrant capital of Hanoi with the tranquil mountain landscapes of Sapa and the breathtaking seascape of Halong Bay, offering diverse experiences from bustling city life to serene natural wonders.

Highlights

This tour emphasizes unique experiences, from exploring ancient sites and trekking through stunning rice terraces to cruising the iconic Halong Bay. Each day presents an opportunity for connection and discovery, whether admiring panoramic views or engaging with local cultures.

Route Summary

Your adventure begins in Hanoi, where you'll explore historical landmarks before traveling north to Sapa. Days in Sapa are dedicated to mountain trekking, village visits, and ascending Fansipan Peak. The journey then takes you to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise amidst its famous limestone karsts, concluding with a return to Hanoi for your departure.

Who This Tour Suits

This private tour is ideal for couples and honeymooners who appreciate nature, seek relaxation, and enjoy active exploration. It caters to those desiring a personalized travel experience with flexible departure dates and an emphasis on romantic settings and cultural engagement.

Practical Information

This is a private tour, offering flexibility and personalized service. Departures are arranged upon customer request. Accommodation includes a mix of hotels and an overnight cruise. Transportation is provided via private car, shared limousine bus, and cruise, ensuring comfortable transfers throughout your journey.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter and ancient temples.
* Ascend Fansipan Peak via cable car for panoramic mountain vistas.
* Trek through Sapa's terraced rice fields and visit ethnic minority villages.
* Experience the unique culture of the Hmong and Giay communities in Muong Hoa Valley.
* Indulge in a luxurious overnight cruise amidst Halong Bay's limestone karsts.

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* Witness a tranquil sunrise over Halong Bay with an optional Tai Chi session.
* Discover hidden caves and enjoy kayaking in the emerald waters of Halong Bay.
* Enjoy private transfers and personalized service throughout your journey.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 Hanoi Arrival & Leisure Time

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

Upon landing, a local guide and driver will greet you at the airport, then transfer you directly to your Hanoi hotel. The remainder of the day is at your discretion, allowing you to unwind after your flight or begin exploring Vietnam's capital city independently. Consider a relaxed stroll through the Old Quarter to soak in the initial atmosphere.

Activities: Airport reception and private transfer to hotel.
Check into your Hanoi accommodation.
Free time for relaxation or independent exploration.

Day 2 Hanoi City Highlights & Journey to Sapa

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa | Transport: Car, Bus

Your morning begins with breakfast before embarking on a guided exploration of Hanoi's significant cultural landmarks. You will visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, a site dedicated to Confucius and revered by students seeking academic success. Next, experience the solemn Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and his humble stilt house, gaining insight into Vietnam's revered leader. Continue to the distinctive One Pillar Pagoda, an architectural marvel resembling a lotus blossom, a national symbol. The tour proceeds to Tran Quoc Pagoda, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi, gracefully situated by West Lake. This serene setting offers picturesque views, ideal for enjoying a refreshing drink. A traditional Vietnamese lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you will board a comfortable bus for the scenic journey to Sapa, a mountain town. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and settle into the peaceful surroundings, perhaps taking a brief walk to acclimate to the tranquil mountain air.

Activities: Visit the Temple of Literature.
Explore Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and his stilt house.
Admire the One Pillar Pagoda.
Discover Tran Quoc Pagoda and West Lake.
Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch.
Transfer by bus from Hanoi to Sapa.
Check into Sapa hotel and relax.

Day 3 Sapa's Natural Wonders & Mountain Views

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

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After breakfast, prepare for an adventurous day exploring Sapa's stunning natural landscapes. Your journey starts with a visit to Silver Waterfalls (Thac Bac), a popular destination within the majestic Hoang Lien Son Mountain Range, known for its poetic beauty and ideal for couples. Next, you will discover Love Waterfall, a serene spot with a captivating local legend, offering a peaceful ambiance. A picnic lunch featuring local delicacies will be provided during your return journey. The afternoon continues with a drive to Tram Ton Pass, the highest point in the Hoang Lien Son Mountain Range, offering magnificent panoramic views of northwest Vietnam's mountains. Here, you'll have the chance to capture unique photographs from the Glass Bridge, an impressive structure offering clear, multi-layered views. Following this, you will be transferred back to your hotel for an evening of rest.

Activities: Visit Silver Waterfalls (Thac Bac).
Explore Love Waterfall.
Enjoy a picnic lunch with local cuisine.
Drive to Tram Ton Pass for mountain scenery.
Experience the Glass Bridge for unique photo opportunities.

Day 4 Fansipan Peak & Ta Phin Village Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa | Transport: Car, Cable Car

Following breakfast at your hotel, today's adventure takes you to conquer Fansipan Mountain. You will ascend to the "Roof of Indochina" by cable car, enjoying breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks and valleys during the ride. A picnic lunch will be served amidst this stunning natural setting. In the afternoon, your exploration continues to Ta Phin Village, a cultural hub where you can browse for local handicrafts and souvenirs. You also have the option to visit the historic Ta Phin monastery or indulge in a traditional herbal bath, a unique local experience. After immersing yourselves in the village's charm, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Sapa. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax and prepare for further discoveries.

Activities: Ascend Fansipan Mountain by cable car.
Enjoy panoramic views from Fansipan Peak.
Have a picnic lunch.
Visit Ta Phin Village.
Option to visit Ta Phin monastery or experience a herbal bath.

Day 5 Muong Hoa Valley Trekking & Ethnic Villages

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

After having breakfast at the hotel, embark on a journey into the picturesque Muong Hoa Valley, renowned for its stunning terraced rice fields and crisp mountain air. Your exploration begins in Y Linh Ho, a small village offering charming scenery and insights into local life. Continue to Lao Chai Village, home to the Hmong ethnic community, where you can observe their vibrant traditional hand-weaving techniques and admire some of the world's most beautiful terraced rice fields. The adventure culminates in Ta Van Village, inhabited by the lively Giay ethnic group. Enjoy a leisurely walk along winding trails, appreciating the captivating beauty of the terraced landscapes and the rich cultural diversity of the hill tribes. A private driver will then transfer you back to Sapa for a traditional lunch. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to relaxation or exploring the town's

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Activities: Explore villages in Muong Hoa Valley.
Visit Y Linh Ho village.
Discover Lao Chai Village and Hmong culture.
Admire terraced rice fields.
Visit Ta Van Village and Giay ethnic community.
Enjoy a traditional lunch in Sapa.
Free time for relaxation or shopping.

Day 6 Sapa Free Morning & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Shared Minibus

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Sapa, allowing you to explore the town at your own pace. This is an excellent opportunity to visit local souvenir shops, where you might find unique handmade items like scarves and bags, perfect as gifts for friends and family. In the early afternoon, around 2:00 PM, a shared minibus will collect you from your hotel for the return journey to Hanoi. The transfer takes approximately six hours, including a short break en route. Upon arrival back in Hanoi, you will be dropped off at your hotel in the Old Quarter, where you can settle in for the evening.

Activities: Free morning to explore Sapa independently.
Shop for local souvenirs.
Transfer by shared minibus from Sapa to Hanoi.
Check into your Hanoi hotel.

Day 7 Halong Bay Cruise & Overnight Serenity

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

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before your driver picks you up for the transfer to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site celebrated for its stunning natural beauty. The scenic drive to the bay takes approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival, you'll receive a warm welcome from the cruise crew with a refreshing drink. After checking in and receiving important safety instructions, your cruise will depart around noon. A delectable local seafood lunch will be served as you sail through the breathtaking landscape of thousands of limestone islands and dramatic caves emerging from the emerald waters. The afternoon invites you to participate in various onboard activities, such as exploring a cave, kayaking through calm waters, or swimming in the sea. As evening approaches, savor an intimate dinner on board, followed by a romantic overnight stay. The cruise offers a range of exciting nightlife options, including squid fishing, board games, movie screenings, and a lively bar.

Activities: Early breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay.
Boarding and check-in on the cruise.
Enjoy a local seafood lunch while cruising.
Participate in activities like cave visits, kayaking, or swimming.
Savor an intimate dinner on board.
Evening activities such as squid fishing or board games.

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Day 8 Halong Bay Exploration & Return to Hanoi

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

Start your morning between 6:00 AM and 6:30 AM with an invigorating Tai Chi session on the deck, or simply enjoy the majestic sunrise over the tranquil bay. A light breakfast will be served on the cruise. Afterward, continue your exploration of magnificent Halong Bay, which may include visiting a dry cave like Trung Trang Cave or a traditional fishing village, depending on your cruise itinerary. Around 10:00 AM, you will return to the main boat for check-out. A delicious brunch will be served as the cruise makes its way back to the main dock. Upon disembarkation between 11:30 AM and 11:45 AM, you will bid farewell to the crew and be transferred back to your hotel in Hanoi. Arriving in Hanoi in the mid-afternoon, you'll have free time to explore the bustling Old Quarter, sample Vietnamese street food, and create more romantic memories.

Activities: Optional Tai Chi class or sunrise viewing.
Light breakfast on board.
Further exploration of Halong Bay (e.g., cave or fishing village visit).
Check out from the cruise.
Enjoy brunch on the way back to the dock.
Transfer from Halong Bay to Hanoi.
Free time in Hanoi for exploration and dining.

Day 9 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car

After enjoying your final breakfast at the hotel, a private driver will transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. This marks the conclusion of your romantic Northern Vietnam journey.

Activities: Breakfast at the hotel.
Private transfer to Hanoi airport.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Accommodation in TWN/DBL sharing accommodation at hotel
- v All transport within Vietnam (including airport pick up and see off), as per itinerary
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- v One way sharing limousine bus Hanoi - Sapa - Hanoi
- v Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
31 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 919**	Available	–
31 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,099**	Available	–
31 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,359**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 947**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,132**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,400**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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