Trang An Caves & Cuc Phuong National Park Adventure – 2 Days

2D / 1N	Easy	Private	USD 146 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Embark on a two-day journey from Hanoi to explore the natural and historical wonders of Ninh Binh. Visit the ancient capital of Hoa Lu, navigate the stunning waterways of Trang An by sampan, and experience the unique Thien Ha Cave at night. Conclude your adventure with a trek through Cuc Phuong National Park, home to diverse wildlife.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ninh Binh → Hanoi

TOUR OVERVIEW

Journey Overview

This two-day expedition from Hanoi offers a deep dive into the captivating landscapes and rich history of Ninh Binh province. Travelers will venture through ancient Vietnamese heritage sites, serene natural reserves, and unique cave systems. The itinerary balances cultural exploration with immersive nature experiences, providing a comprehensive look at this remarkable region.

Cultural & Natural Highlights

Begin your adventure at Hoa Lu, Vietnam's former capital, where ancient temples stand as testaments to past dynasties. A scenic climb up Ma Yen mountain reveals breathtaking vistas. The journey continues with a tranquil sampan ride through the Trang An Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its intricate cave systems and dramatic karst formations. A truly special evening awaits with a nocturnal boat trip into Thien Ha Cave, offering a chance to witness the 'Galaxy Cave' under a canopy of stars and, seasonally, fireflies.

The second day is dedicated to the biodiversity of Cuc Phuong National Park, Vietnam's oldest national park. Here, you'll encounter the vital work of the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre before embarking on a guided trek through the lush jungle, discovering its rich flora and fauna.

Who Will Love This Tour

This tour is ideal for travelers seeking a blend of history, culture, and nature. Those interested in ancient Vietnamese dynasties, unique geological formations, and wildlife conservation will find this itinerary particularly rewarding. It suits individuals and small groups looking for an active yet comfortable exploration outside the bustling city.

Essential Travel Information

Throughout the tour, private car transfers ensure comfortable travel between sites. An English-speaking guide will accompany you, providing insights into the history and natural environment. Meals are included as specified, featuring local cuisine. Accommodation for the overnight stay is provided in a local homestay, offering an authentic cultural experience.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital, and ascend Ma Yen mountain for scenic views.
* Glide by traditional sampan through the stunning Trang An Complex and its mystical caves.
* Experience a unique night boat trip into Thien Ha Cave, observing stars and fireflies.

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* Visit the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre within Cuc Phuong National Park.
* Trek through Vietnam's oldest national park, discovering its rich biodiversity.
* Enjoy an authentic overnight stay in a local homestay within Trang An Village.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hoa Lu, Trang An Sampan Ride & Thien Ha Night Cave Exploration

Meals: L,D | Stay: Homestay | Transport: Private car, rowing sampan boat

Your adventure begins with an early morning pickup from your Hanoi hotel, heading south towards the scenic Ninh Binh province. After approximately two hours on the road, you will arrive at Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital from the Dinh and early Le Dynasties. Here, explore the two well-preserved temples dedicated to these revered rulers, offering a glimpse into a millennium of history. A climb of 200 steps up Ma Yen mountain rewards you with expansive panoramic views of the surrounding karst landscape.

Following a traditional Vietnamese lunch at a local eatery, the afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Trang An Complex. You will embark on a serene rowing sampan journey, gliding along the tranquil river through a series of magnificent caves, including the 320-meter-long Hang Toi (Dark) cave, the 90-meter-long Sang (Light) cave, and the 250-meter-long Hang Nau Ruou (Cooking Wine) cave. These passages reveal hidden valleys of peace and natural beauty, often showcasing local wildlife like goats leaping between cliffs.

Later in the afternoon, a car transfers you to your homestay in Trang An Village, where you have free time to relax or explore the local community by walking or cycling. After enjoying a home-cooked dinner at the homestay, prepare for a unique nocturnal experience. A car will take you to Nha Le Pier for a 30-minute rowing boat trip in the dark to Thien Ha Cave, also known as Galaxy Cave. Under clear skies, you can marvel at the stars above, and during summer, observe fireflies dancing around. Upon reaching the cave, explore a 200-meter dry section on foot, followed by another short sampan ride through a 200-meter water cave before returning to the pier and then to your homestay.

Activities:
Travel from Hanoi to Ninh Binh
Visit Hoa Lu ancient capital and Dinh & Le temples
Climb Ma Yen mountain for panoramic views
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Take a rowing sampan tour through Trang An caves
Transfer to a homestay in Trang An Village
Dine at the homestay
Experience a night boat trip to Thien Ha Cave

Day 2 — Cuc Phuong National Park Trek & Return to Hanoi

Meals: B,L | Stay: N/A | Transport: Private car

Start your day with an early breakfast at the homestay, preparing for a full day of nature exploration. Shortly after, a private car will transport you to Cuc Phuong National Park, Vietnam's oldest and largest nature reserve. Upon arrival, your first stop is the

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Endangered Primate Rescue Centre. This vital non-profit organization is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, breeding, and conservation of Vietnam's highly endangered primate species, as well as protecting their natural habitats. You will learn about their crucial work and observe various primates.

Following your visit to the rescue center, you will embark on a guided trek deep into the heart of the National Park. This walk offers an excellent opportunity to learn about the diverse fauna and flora that thrive within this ancient forest ecosystem. Your guide will point out interesting plant species and explain the ecological significance of the park. The trek provides a refreshing immersion into the natural beauty and tranquility of Cuc Phuong.

After your jungle adventure, you will return to a local restaurant within the park area for lunch. In the early afternoon, around 13:00, the private car will begin the journey back to Hanoi. You are expected to arrive at your hotel in Hanoi around 15:00, concluding your two-day exploration of Ninh Binh's natural and historical treasures.

Activities: Have breakfast at the homestay
Transfer to Cuc Phuong National Park
Visit the Endangered Primate Rescue Centre
Trek into the center of the National Park
Enjoy lunch at a restaurant
Transfer back to Hanoi

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Private car transfers
- v Homestay in Trang An
- v English speaking tour guides
- v Meals as stated above (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- v Entrance fees
- v Private sampan in Trang An and Thien Ha Cave
- v Service charges

NOT INCLUDED

- x Personal expenses
- x Drinks
- x Others not mentioned above

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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