

Northern Vietnam Highlights For Family

6 days

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	HANOI – ARRIVAL	/
Day 2	HANOI – HALF DAY CITY TOUR – BAT TRANG POTTERY VILLAGE	B/L
Day 3	HANOI – KY SON VILLAGE	B/L
Day 4	HANOI – HALONG BAY – NIGHT ON BOARD	B/L/D
Day 5	HALONG BAY - HANOI	B/L
Day 6	HANOI - DEPARTURE	B

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 HANOI- ARRIVAL

Pick up at Noi Bai Airport by our driver.

- Transfer to your hotel in the city center by a 45-minute drive
- Check-in time is 14:00, but you can require an early check-in with a bit surcharge
- Spend the rest of the day at your disposal. Please contact us if you want to book our tours to explore Hanoi

Recommend

Thang Long Water Puppet Show: Learn about the culture and traditional art performances of Vietnam through water puppet show performances and stories presented by experienced puppet artisans in Thang Long theater

Note*: this is a copy of itinerary on Indochina Treks Travel' Official Website and not the final itinerary.

Meal: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2 HANOI – HALF DAY CITY – BAT TRANG POTTERY VILLAGE

Morning

Have breakfast at the hotel

8:00: Be picked up at the hotel lobby by the tour guide for the Hanoi sightseeing tour. Visit top-rated tourist attractions. First stop is the Temple of Literature, the first university in Vietnam as well as the symbol of Vietnamese culture.

Admire Ba Dinh Square, where President Ho Chi Minh solemnly read the Declaration of Independence.

Wander around Thanh Nien Road, one of the most poetic roads in Hanoi adorned by West Lake.

Final destination is Quan Thanh Temple and Tran Quoc Pagoda, where you expand your knowledge about traditional religions in Vietnam.

After that is your time to relax and enjoy tasty Vietnamese food in the local restaurant.

Afternoon

Arrive at Bat Trang Ceramic village. Attend pottery workshops and try pottery making with dirty hands but a fun experience.

In the late afternoon, your family will return to Hanoi and free time to explore Hanoi by night.

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3 HANOI – KY SON VILLAGE

Morning

After breakfast at your hotel in Hanoi our tour guide picks up at 8:00 for a full-day tour to Ky Son village.

Arrive at Moon Garden Homestay in Ky Son after about one and a half hours of driving and try local fresh green tea on the road.

After a short break, you can choose between a short ride of 6 km or a long ride of 12 km round trip:

Short ride

- Discover Ky Son, Tam Son, Van Minh, and Cham farming communities by bicycle.
- Drop by some local families for tea, and chat with local people about their daily life and farming.
- Visit a kindergarten if it opens, or help the farmers with plowing, transplanting seedlings, harvesting rice, cassava, corn, sweet potatoes, cucumber...

Long ride

- Visit more villages in Ky Son including Tam Son, Van Minh, Cham farming communities, Duong Lam ancient village as well as Mia Pagoda, Mong Phu Communal House.
- Stop by a local family that makes traditional candies.
- Cycle back to Moon Garden Homestay along the ritual paths of Thang Thac village
- Join a cooking class at the homestay and have lunch.

Afternoon

- Have a hand massage with your fingers dipped in a fragrant lime bowl with traditional herbs or talk with local family about local snacks, cultures, and traditional customs
- Enjoy a foot bath in warm water with ginger, salt, and mugwort medicinal herbs
- Have a taste of local products such as traditional desserts, maize, sweet potato, cassava, peanuts, etc.

Around 15:00 is your free time to discover Moon Garden Homestay, and visit the local market and kindergarten

Leave Ky Son and come back to Hanoi.

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 4

HANOI – HALONG BAY – NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River Delta.

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf – Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight on board

Day 5 HALONG BAY - HANOI

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 15pm.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 6 HANOI - DEPARTURE

Have breakfast at your hotel. Enjoy your free time for the rest of the day. Hotel room is only available until 12:00. Please contact us if you want a late checkout

The driver will pick up you at the hotel to transfer to the airport for the departure flight
Trip ends. Hope to see you again!

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: n/a

Important Note*

- PROGRAMS & SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE
- The itinerary can be customized basing on your interests (you can extend your stay at each location, add/remove activities)

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned vehicles (including pick up & see off)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Halong bay 2 days package

Exclusions:

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fee
- International flights pre/post tour
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received 60 days or more before arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- For infant (<02 years old): FOC
- 02 – 10 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 02 – 10 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 02 – 10 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate
- from 11 years old: 100% adult rate

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with your travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have **at least** 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.