



## Itinerary

### 8 Day North Vietnam Small Group Tour

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

#### DAY 1: Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam

Your Holiday2Vietnam begins in the bustling city of Hanoi. You will be picked up at the airport by a MyHoliday2 tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**MEALS:** None

**OVERNIGHT:** Hanoi Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 2: Hanoi City Tour

Free pick up at your hotel. Then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to explore the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 - the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. Then continue on to the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda at West lake (One of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam). Then visit Bat Trang pottery village (applied on Mon, Wed & Fri). Have lunch at the local restaurant. PM: After lunch proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum (apply on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat), the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam, see Vietnam's first university, constructed in 1070 - it's gardens and wellpreserved architecture will offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see the peaceful waters, and the beauty of Ngoc Son temple. End of the journey through Hanoi's Old Quarter, where you'll then have a chance for some shopping and exploration. Tour ends around 15h40 - 16h00. Overnight in Ha Noi

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Hanoi Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 3: Hanoi ~ Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Early morning pickup at 8:00AM-08:15AM to journey through lush Vietnamese countryside to Halong Bay. On arrival we board the traditional junk boat for a memorable cruise among the hundreds of limestone islets of Halong Bay. During the cruise we stop at the 'Magnificent Cave' full of stalagmites and stalactites. Tuck in to a yummy seafood lunch and some water based activities such as swimming or kayaking. Spend the night onboard in your comfortable cabin and enjoy the peacefulness of the Bay.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**OVERNIGHT:** Halong Bay Cruise Ship, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 4: Halong Bay ~ Hanoi

This morning we continue to sail through the majestic landscape of Ha Long Bay before heading back to shore and continuing back to Hanoi after a buffet lunch. Have the evening free at your leisure in Hanoi, suggest you visit the Old Town and markets to soak up the exciting culture of the Vietnamese capital city.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Hanoi Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 5: Hanoi ~ Sapa

At 06:30AM you will be picked up from your hotel in Hanoi for a bus trip to Sapa. This will take around 5 hours and you should arrive in Sapa around midday. Upon arrival check in to hotel and enjoy lunch at the restaurant. At 2:00pm we trek along paddy fields to Ta Van Villages and learn about the 'Zay' people. You'll return to Sapa in the afternoon and spend the evening exploring the town at your leisure

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Sapa Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 6: Sapa Trekking & Local Village Tour

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then at 8:30AM begin a trekking trip to visit two villages of the Black H'mong (CatCat and SinChai) as well as the waterfall and hydroelectric power station established by the French. Take in the stunning landscapes of green forests and beautiful scenery along the way as you trek back to Sapa town.

**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

**OVERNIGHT:** Sapa Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 7: Sapa ~ Halong

Spend the whole day at your own leisure and discover the town at your own pace. Late afternoon departure back to Hanoi at 14:30. Once arrived in Hanoi you will be dropped off at your hotel. A fantastic addition to your holiday to Vietnam!

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** Hanoi Hotel, 3 or 4 Star

#### DAY 18: End of Tour ~ Departure

Say goodbye as your holiday to Vietnam ends today with a transfer back to the airport for your return flight home

**MEALS:** Breakfast