

VIETNAM & HALONG BAY CRUISE



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Vietnam & Halong Bay Tour & Flights

Duration: 8 days

Stay: 4 nights hotels, 3 nights cruise cabin

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: VTHBC8M

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8 Days Hanoi & Halong Bay Cruise with Flights

About the holiday

Discover northern Vietnam, with its vibrant capital city, natural wonders, UNESCO-listed sites and thriving culture.

This trip starts with flights to Hanoi, where you'll find a fascinating blend of East and West on a guided introduction to the city. Then leave the bustle of Hanoi behind to view the thousands of limestone islands rising out of the sea during the breathtaking Halong Bay cruise.

This four-day cruise to Bai Tu Long Bay is absolutely unique and impressive with many activities. You will kayak to get closer to small limestone islands, explore hidden caves, see how locals catch fish, learn how to cook a famous Vietnamese dish and enjoy a BBQ lunch on a private beach.

Enjoy being off the beaten track with 3 nights staying in the Bay. You will be guided to admire the spectacular natural surrounds and experience local life in the floating village. The crew accompanies you during the trip and are dedicated to providing personal service.

Return to Hanoi for two more nights before flying home. Enjoy time to see more of the exciting city and shop for great mementos of this wonderful journey.

Why you'll love this trip...

It's great value, with included activities, many meals & flights from Australia

Enjoy the comforts of a 4-star Hanoi hotel & ensuite cabin on the cruise

English-speaking local guides are with you for fascinating sightseeing

Travel dates

2024 - Select dates from February to November*

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for current dates, rates and travel options.*



Cruise & tour package includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares from Australian capital cities to Hanoi

Transfers - Transportation from Hanoi Airport to hotel

Accommodation - 4 nights Thien Thai Hotel Hanoi, standard room twin share
Includes breakfast daily

Sightseeing - Hanoi Half Day Tour

Halong Bay Cruise - 3 nights/4 days Aspira Cruise & Tour, round-trip from Hanoi

All land transportation Hanoi - Halong - Hanoi

Welcome drink

Luxury, en-suite cabin with A/C, hot water

All meals on boat

Complimentary tea & coffee at breakfast

Guide on board

Kayaking excursions

Package excludes:

Visa fees

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for tour guides & drivers

Video & camera permits

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, cruise company & local operators.

Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1 : Fly to Vietnam

Welcome to Hanoi! You will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Hanoi at leisure.

Accommodation - Thien Thai Hotel - 4 Star

Day 2 : Hanoi City Tour (B)

Enjoy a full day in Hanoi to explore the streets swarmed with buzzing motorbikes, delicate scents, and delicious street food. Be sure to try a traditional Vietnamese coffee and wander the Old Quarter for an epic fusion of French, Chinese, and Vietnamese architecture. Then, meet up with the tour group at 1.00pm for a half-day guided city tour.

On the tour you'll visit President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, residence, and One Pillar Pagoda. Then, visit the breathtaking Temple of Literature and surrounding gardens, built as a university in 1080 and dedicated to Confucious. Finish the guided city tour with a walk around the famous Hoan Kiem Lake to take in the peace and quiet of Ngoc Son Temple, a pagoda sitting on a small island in the centre of the lake. Wrap up your night in Hanoi exploring the laneways or join an optional Hanoi street food walking tour.

Accommodation - Thien Thai Hotel - 4 Star

Meals Included - Breakfast

Included Activities - Hanoi City Tour

Optional Activities - Hanoi Street Food by Night (walking tour) - approx. US\$25

Day 3 : Halong Harbour Cruise - Bai Tu Long Bay - Cap La (B, L, D)

08:30 -
09:00: Pick up at your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter

12:00 -
12:30: Arrive at the Waiting Lounge at Indochina Junk Office. And then, go to HaLong harbour by electric car.

12:30 -
13:00: Check-in, enjoy the welcome drink & cruise briefing.

13:30 -
14:30: Have lunch in the outdoor dining room (depending on the weather condition) while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay, admire the fascinating formations on the way.

15:30 -
16:30: Visit Cap La area and go kayaking

16:45 -
19:00: Back to junk for refreshing before having dinner on board.

19:00 -
20:30: Elegant dinner served onboard.

20:30 -
23:00: Free time for relaxing, communicating with the staff, evening activities (reading book, playing games etc). Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay.

Day 4 : Cap La - Vung Vieng Fishing Village - Thien Canh Son Cave (B, L, D)

07:00 -
08:00: Start a new day with morning view of Bay's landscape. Have breakfast in the fresh air.

08:00 -
09:15: Cruise to Vung Vieng Fishing Village while discovering geological values of Bai Tu Long Bay. The bamboo boat takes you through to the floating village to see the fisher's life on the boat.

09:30 -
10:15: Enjoy fish-catching in nature.

10:30: Enjoy free time and learn about fishing village culture with guides

12:00 -
13:15: Enjoy BBQ on Vung Vieng floating village.

13:30 -
14:45: Back to the cruise and relax. The cruise crossed the sea to Thien Canh Son Island - which is known as "jade" in Bai Tu Long Bay.

15:00 -
16:30: Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave. Enjoy relaxing on a white sandy beach at Hon Co Island, go kayaking to discover the island.

16:30: Back to junk for refreshing and enjoy the sunset.

19:00 -
20:30: Have an amazing dinner on board.

20:30 -
23:00: Free time for relaxing. Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay.

Day 5 : Cap La - Cong Dam - Cong Do (B, L, D)

07:00 - Morning view of Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Have
08:00: breakfast in the fresh air.

08:30 - Arrive at Cong Dam Area - great work created by Mother Nature
09:30: with concentrated coral reefs, underground lakes inside karst
mountains, underwater caves, and large beaches.

09: 45 - Go kayaking around Cong Dam Area, paddle smoothly through the
10:15 caves and limestone created by nature.

10: 30 - Enjoy the Cong Dam beach with natural view and fresh air.
11:45

12: 00 - Enjoy lunch on the beach.
13:30

14:00 Back to the cruise and take a break.

16:30 - Enjoy the cooking class with chef, learn how to cook Vietnamese
17:15 famous dish - Banh Xeo.

17:30 Free time on board to catch the sunset, read books, talk to the
staff, play games etc.

19:00 Enjoy the dinner.

20:30 Relaxing time on board.

Day 6 : Cong Do - Halong Harbour - Hanoi (B, L)

08:00 - Morning view of Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Have
09:00 breakfast in the fresh air.

10:00: Check out of the cabin. Start cruising towards the harbour.

10:30 - Have a beautiful lunch on board.
11:30

11:30 - Disembark. After that the driver will return you to Ha Noi. The
15:00 tours ends and your evening is free.

Day 7 : Free Day Hanoi (B)

Today is a free day to explore Hanoi at leisure. Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese and French influences. At its heart is the chaotic Old Quarter, where the narrow streets are roughly arranged by trade. There are many little temples, including Bach Ma, honouring a legendary horse, plus Đồng Xuân Market, selling household goods and street food.

Accommodation - Thien Thai Hotel - 4 Star

Day 8 : Depart Hanoi (B)

Check out of the hotel this morning, then transfer to the airport and fly home. We hope you have had a memorable time.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, tide conditions, road accessibility, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Tour information:

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required, but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off buses and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

This tour is not suitable for people with physical or sensory disabilities. Due to the nature of the cruise, it's also not recommended for people with symptoms of hallucinations, sleepwalking, claustrophobia or epilepsy.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and crew is optional, but common practice in Vietnam. A gratuity of 10AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is required in addition to the twin share price. Pairing with other solo travellers is not an option on this tour.

Transportation

If the group size is 8 people or less, then a luxury van will be provided for transportation to Halong Bay. A deluxe van or bus is available for groups of 8+ travellers.

Things to bring

To suit the conditions and activities on the cruise, it's recommended that you have sunglasses, sunscreen, a wide brim hat, insect repellent and bathing suit. It's advisable to bring warm clothes if you are travelling from November to April.

Visa & Passport information

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam and eVisa can be obtained online. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport and necessary documentation to enter Vietnam. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

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