

VIETNAM NORTHEAST ADVENTURES

11 DAYS | 10 NIGHTS

*Hanoi – Ha Giang – Dong Van – Meo Vac - Ba Be Lake – Ban Gioc Waterfall –
Lang Son – Ha Long Bay*



TOUR OVERVIEW:

This 11-day journey is an immersive expedition into the majestic and rugged landscapes of Northeast Vietnam; a region globally celebrated for its breathtaking natural beauty and profound cultural tapestry. This will be an experience that truly defines our Vietnam Northeast Adventures.

We begin in the elegant capital of Hanoi before embarking on a spectacular road trip through the infamous Ha Giang Loop, navigating dramatic mountain passes and encountering vibrant minority communities. The adventure continues through the peaceful tranquility of Ba Be Lake and the grandeur of Ban Gioc Waterfall, culminating in a luxurious overnight cruise through the iconic Ha Long Bay.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hanoi: Walking tour of colonial landmarks, traditional Water Puppet Performance.
- The Grand Loop: Conquer Pac Sum Pass, Heaven Gate, and the legendary Ma Pi Leng Pass.
- Minority Encounters: Intimate visits to Tay, H'mong, Lo Lo, and Zao ethnic villages.
- Historical Sites: H'mong King's Palace (Vuong Family), Dong Van Ancient Town exploration.
- Nature's Majesty: Serene boat trip on Ba Be Lake, visit to the massive Ban Gioc Waterfall.
- Underground Wonders: Nguom Ngao Cave exploration.
- Maritime Luxury: 3-day/2-night luxury cruise in Ha Long and Lan Ha Bay, kayaking, swimming, and morning Tai Chi.

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi → Ha Giang → Quan Ba (Heaven Gate)	Ha Giang
Day 3	Quan Ba → Lung Cu Flagpole → Dong Van Ancient Town	Ha Giang
Day 4	Dong Van → Ma Pi Leng Pass → Meo Vac	Ha Giang
Day 5	Meo Vac → Bac Kan → Ba Be Lake Retreat	Bac Kan
Day 6	Ba Be Lake Discovery	Bac Kan
Day 7	Bac Can → Cao Bang → Ban Gioc Waterfall	Cao Bang

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Day 8	Quang Uyen → Lang Son → Ha Long City via Highway	Ha Long
Day 9	Boarding Luxury Cruise	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 10	Lan Ha Bay Exploration • Farewell Dinner on the Bay	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 11	Ha Long Bay → Airport • Departure	

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL



Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's elegant colonial capital. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted by your private guide and transferred seamlessly to your centrally located hotel.

The afternoon offers a gentle introduction to the city's heart, with a walk visiting landmarks like the Opera House, Hoan Kiem Lake, and Ngoc Son Temple. In the evening, enjoy a fascinating traditional Water Puppet Performance before gathering for an exclusive Welcome Dinner featuring refined Vietnamese cuisine.

DAY 2: HANOI → HA GIANG → QUAN BA (HEAVEN GATE) (B/L/D)



After breakfast, we embark on a spectacular drive north toward the mountainous heart of Ha Giang province. The comfortable journey takes you out of the Red River Delta and into increasingly dramatic landscapes, allowing for minimal interruptions. Upon reaching Ha Giang City, we pause for a leisurely walk through Thon Tha, a serene village inhabited by the Tay people, providing an initial glimpse into local life. We then continue to Quan Ba, stopping at the breathtaking Pac Sum Pass and the iconic Heaven Gate, offering a spectacular view over Tam Son town and the surrounding 'Fairy Mountains'.

Lunch is an immersion itself at A Ban, where the décor and mountain-inspired menu transport you to the remote highlands, adding rich sensory depth to your Family holidays to Vietnam experience.

DAY 3: QUAN BA → LUNG CU FLAGPOLE → DONG VAN ANCIENT TOWN (B/L/-)



Today is designed for your family to find your own rhythm in the Hanoi capital, embracing the flexibility that makes Vietnam for family journeys so enjoyable. You might choose to wander around Hoan Kiem Lake to watch the locals practice Tai Chi, explore the maze-like "36 Streets" for unique souvenirs, or perhaps hide away in a hidden café to sample Hanoi's famous Egg Coffee. This unscheduled time is vital for children to adjust to the local pace before heading into the mountains. Your guide remains available to offer personalized recommendations for the best hidden gems or kid-friendly bookstores in the city, ensuring a relaxed and meaningful Family holidays to Vietnam experience.

DAY 4: DONG VAN → MA PI LENG PASS → MEO VAC (B/L/D)

Following breakfast, we take a leisurely walk through the Dong Van Old Quarter, admiring the houses that are one or two hundred years old, absorbing the ancient, rugged atmosphere. We then drive the famously exhilarating route to Meo Vac. This segment is the highlight of the trip, traversing the majestic Ma Pi Leng Pass, which carves its way high above a deep abyss, offering arguably the most spectacular views in all of Southeast Asia.

We conclude the day in Meo Vac, an area rich with the distinct cultural traditions of the Lo Lo and Pu Peo ethnic minority people.

DAY 5: MEO VAC → BAC KAN → BA BE LAKE RETREAT (B/L/D)



Say goodbye to the thrilling heights of Meo Vac as we journey south toward Bac Kan province and the peaceful Ba Be National Park. The roads today are longer and more challenging, rewarding you with unique views of remote ethnic communities that rarely see outside visitors. This allows for unparalleled cultural observation from the comfort of your private vehicle. Upon arrival at Ba Be, we check into a welcoming homestay of the Tay ethnic people, ready for a relaxed immersion into lake life.

DAY 6: BA BE LAKE DISCOVERY (B/L/D)



After a hearty local breakfast, we embark on a serene 2-hour Boat Trip on Ba Be Lake, offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains, caves, and forested shores. The journey includes a short, pleasant trek to the impressive Dau Dang Waterfall, where the river thunders through the karsts. We also visit some local villages of the Tay and Zao minority people, further deepening your connection to the tranquil life of the park before returning to the Tay homestay for dinner.

DAY 7: BAC CAN → CAO BANG → BAN GIOC WATERFALL (B/L/D)



This morning, we depart Ba Be and drive to Cao Bang province. After lunch, the final 8km drive reveals the immense power of the Ban Gioc Waterfalls, which dramatically straddle the border with China. We take a short walk for the best views and enjoy a relaxing boat trip (if available) close to the cascading water. A short distance away, we explore the intricate formations of the Nguom Ngao Caves, guided through underground rivers and ancient rock structures.

DAY 8: QUANG UYEN → LANG SON → HA LONG CITY VIA HIGHWAY 4B (B/L/-)

Today is a dedicated transfer day, serving as a scenic transition from the limestone peaks of the far north to the emerald waters of the coast. We embark on a journey along National Highway 4B, a historic and winding route that snakes through the rugged landscapes of Lang Son province. As we navigate this road, you will witness the changing scenery from deep mountain valleys to the rolling hills of the northeast, passing through remote towns and quiet border regions that few travelers get to see.

A local lunch will be served at a hand-picked, clean restaurant along the way, offering a chance to taste regional specialties of the Lang Son highlands. After descending from the mountain passes, we arrive in Ha Long Bay in the late afternoon, where you will check into your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure—perhaps with a walk along the coastal promenade or a quiet drink—as you relax and prepare for the world-class, luxurious cruise experience that awaits you tomorrow.

DAY 9: BOARDING LUXURY CRUISE (B/L/D)



After breakfast at your hotel, you will enjoy a comfortable private transfer from Ninh Binh directly to the Ha Long/Cat Hai harbor area. Following a swift and luxurious check-in process, you will board your exquisite overnight cruise ship, officially beginning your highly anticipated maritime journey.

Savor a delightful gourmet lunch onboard as the vessel gracefully sails into the mystical bay, gliding past towering limestone karsts. The afternoon offers time for optional activities such as kayaking to explore hidden lagoons or swimming in the calm, sheltered waters of the Gulf.

DAY 10: LAN HA BAY EXPLORATION • FAREWELL DINNER ON THE BAY (B/L/D)



Wake up to the fresh sea air and catch the stunning sunrise over the bay, perhaps participating in a gentle morning Tai Chi session on the sundeck. Your cruise will then

venture deeper into Lan Ha Bay, a quieter and more secluded area renowned for its pristine waters and untouched beaches. You have the entire day to relax on board, indulge in the ship's premium services, or join various activities such as a fascinating cooking class. In the evening, gather for a romantic Farewell Dinner, enjoying exquisite cuisine amidst the magical, lit-up backdrop of the limestone islands.

DAY 11: HA LONG BAY → AIRPORT • DEPARTURE (B/BRUNCH)

Enjoy your final morning on the Bay, perhaps with a last chance to visit a small cave or a local floating village before the ship begins its slow return to the port. A lavish final breakfast or brunch is served onboard, allowing you time to savor the magnificent scenery one last time.

Upon disembarking, your private driver will be waiting to transfer you directly to the airport (Hanoi or Cat Bi) for your onward international departure flight, concluding your memorable journey through Northern Vietnam.

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Accommodations with daily breakfast (7 Dinners and 9 Lunches)
- Private tours, transfers, and all services as mentioned in the itinerary
- Services of a private driver and an air-conditioned vehicle
- Service of an English/ French speaking guide
- Entrance fees for all mentioned sights visited
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- International flights into and out of Vietnam
- Visa fees (we can help you arrange a visa approval letter on request)
- Airport taxes
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel.
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.).
- Tips for tour guides and drivers.
- Travel insurance.

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- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport, visa page with a stamp
- AVT Travel reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes in tax & gasoline increase in All Destinations.
- No reservations are made yet.

PAYMENT POLICY:

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- All Bank services charges will be borne by the payee.
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- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to
- Company cheques or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

REFUNDS OR CANCELLATION:

- Tour and transfer deposits are fully refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received more than 20 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded according to individual hotel cancellation policy.
- No refund for all flight fares after tour confirmation
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary.

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