

## Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Halong - 5 Days

### Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi arrival – evening street food tour (D)

Day 2: Hanoi city tour (B)

Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu – Trang An (B, L)

Day 4: Ninh Binh – Halong bay on cruise (B, L, D)

Day 5: Halong bay – Hanoi – Departure (B)

### Remark:

**B**= Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

### Tour includes:

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Experienced station English speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary
- Private transportation with AC
- Boat trip in Ninh Binh
- All sightseeing tickets
- Lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary
- Taxes and services charges

### Tour excludes:

- International flight tickets and airport tax
- Visa stamping fee
- Early check in and late check out
- Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses

- Insurance

### Detail itinerary:

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#### *Day 1: Hanoi arrival – evening street food tour (D)*

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Upon arrival, tour guide and driver of S Vietnam Travel will welcome you. Tour briefing and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy cyclo tour around Hoan Kiem lake and the Old Quarter of Hanoi. In the evening, the guide will take you on a culinary adventure, sampling street food in the Old Quarter. It's a great opportunity to try all those weird and wonderful foods you see but just aren't sure what they are! Start your Hanoi Street "Eats Tour" at Bia Hoi corner to try the local brew, a draft beer that traces its roots to Eastern Europe.

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#### *Day 2: Hanoi city tour (B)*

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Enjoy breakfast at hotel then start a guided city tour of Hanoi. Having celebrated its 1000- year anniversary in 2010, the city has a rich and fascinating history. Your city tour will take you to the main attractions of Hanoi, including Ho Chi Minh complex (the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the stilt house and the nearby One Pillar Pagoda), the Temple of Literature, West lake, Tran Quoc pagoda, and one of museums in Hanoi (History Museum or Ethnology Museum). Late afternoon, attend water puppet show – one of traditional performance in Vietnam.

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### *Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu – Trang An (B, L)*

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Meet your guide and driver in the morning and depart Hanoi bound to Ninh Binh Province. Known lovingly as "Halong Bay on land", this stunning province boasts similar limestone karst topography that rises from emerald rice paddy fields and winding rivers.

You will visit the 1000 year old temples of the Le and Dinh dynasties. You can spend your time (about a half – hour) in walking up one of the surrounding limestone karst hills, the climb is rewarding with spectacular views.

In the afternoon, reach Trang An Eco-Tourism. You will take a private boat to explore this area. It is a home of 600 kinds of flora and over 200 kinds of fauna that many of them in the Red book of Vietnam. It is also a gathering of 31 valleys, 48 cross-water caves and we will visit 3 to 6 of them. On the rowing boat, you can enjoy the fresh air, clean and clear water with under water grass. Experience yourself the feeling and emotion when you are on the water caves. Float past poetic landscapes and rolling jungle hills that are perfect for photos. You also visit Bai Dinh pagoda – one of the biggest pagoda in the South East Asia.

After that, transfer to your hotel for check in.

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### *Day 4: Ninh Binh – Halong bay on cruise (B, L, D)*

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After check out hotel, the tour guide and driver will pick you up for the journey to Halong Bay and arrive at around midday to board a traditional junk for an overnight cruise. Halong Bay is widely considered to be one of the natural wonders of the world. Thousands of towering pillars of sea and wind-carved limestone karst make the bay an unforgettable sight. After lunch, explore some

of the huge limestone caves dotted around the bay and visit a floating fishing village. Then the captain will find a secluded spot where you can swim, soak up the sun on the top deck. In the evening enjoy a seafood feast for dinner.

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### *Day 5: Halong Bay – Hanoi*

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Enjoy an early morning swim (during the summer), followed by breakfast as you cruise through more spectacular scenery. The cruise arrives at the harbor by noon. The drive will pick you up and then transfer directly to the airport for your next destination. End of the tour. Thank you for using our service.