

## Northern Cuisine - 5 Days

### Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi arrival

Day 2: Hanoi cooking class – city tour

Day 3: Hanoi – Ky Son and Duong Lam Village

Day 4: Hanoi – Halong bay excursion

Day 5: Hanoi departure

### Remark:

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

### Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing with daily breakfast (3\* hotel category).
- Vietnam visa approval letter.
- Experienced English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary.
- Private transportation with AC.
- 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 (D)*

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Warmly welcome at Noi Bai airport – Hanoi. Pick up and transfer to your hotel. After a short break, enjoy a walking tour to the Old quarter of Hanoi. Explore street food on vender, why you don't try to local brew "Bia Hoi" like Hanoian. In the evening, enjoy the Vietnamese dinner at the famous restaurant.

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#### *Day 2: Hanoi cooking class – city tour (B, L)*

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If cooking were painting, Vietnam would have one of the world's most colorful palettes. Start to discover the diversity of Vietnam flavor with cooking class in Hanoi. This morning, the tour guide will escort you to the class. Meet the chef for a market tour. In the market, the guide and chef will give you the chance to discover the traditional Vietnamese market and explain for you all different kinds of food and vegetable which you may see or not see them before. Back to the kitchen and learn how to make a number of regional delicacies, which may include Banana Flower Salad and Spring Rolls. After a half-day morning session, you enjoy a delicious feast of the dishes you created, and get to take a copy of the recipes home with you.

In the afternoon, you will visit some highlights of Hanoi such as Temple of Literature – the first university in Vietnam, Vietnamese Women's Museum that

offers a broad insight to 54 ethnic groups through a lens of women's topics. In the later afternoon, enjoy water puppet show.

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### *Day 3: Hanoi – Ky Son and Duong Lam village (B, L)*

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Depart Hanoi to the Ky Son – a beautiful lodge situated near the ancient village of Duong Lam. You will have the opportunity to interact with local farmer and learning how to make delicious Vietnamese dishes.

Enjoy Vietnamese special Vietnamese lunch in the traditional house. While you are in the house you can also join the local people in producing local specialties such as soft green-lentil cake and rice cake filled with brown onion and enjoys these products (Depends on the season of the year).

After lunch, continue to the ancient village of Duong Lam. This village has a history of about 1,200 years with many houses dating back up to 400 years and well-known for its surviving laterite brick houses, built three to four centuries ago. Visit Mia pagoda - Mia Pagoda - built in 15th century and admire 287 statues of all sizes. Finish at Mong Phu temple where is dedicated to national heroes, King Ngo Quyen temple and King Phung Hung temple before transfer back to Hanoi.

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### *Day 4: Hanoi – Halong bay excursion (B, L)*

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Situated in the Tonkin Golf, Halong bay is one of the world's natural wonders - a bay with more than 3,000 islands, which time, wind and waves have sculpted into fantastic shapes. The best way to appreciate this magical scene is from a boat, cruising between these karst cliffs, which loom like fairy-tale castles,

complete with rocky spires and hidden caves. The bay is dotted with tiny islands, pristine sandbanks on the turquoise water providing an excellent backdrop for swimming or just lazing about on the junk boat.

Start your trip around 7.30 am at your hotel. You will enjoy a drive to Halong City, approximately 3.5 via Red River Delta. Once at Halong City you will board our boat for a four-hour cruise of this stunning area, stopping along the way to visit one of the limestone caves in the area. Enjoy a local seafood lunch on board. After 4 hour crusing you are back to harbor for a drive back to your hotel in Hanoi.

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### *Day 5: Hanoi departure (B)*

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Free at leisure until you are transferred to the airport for the departure flight.  
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