



# THE CHARMING NORTH

**(Group Tour – Daily departure)**

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## OVERVIEW

Group size	: Guaranteed departure for bookings from 2 adults up.
Departure date	: daily from Oct 2024 – Sep 2026
Route	: Hanoi - Halong

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Delve into the 36 streets of 36 trades in Hanoi's Old Quarter.
- A leisure cruise in Ha Long Bay – one of the world's new seven wonders where its' 1,600 islands and islets form spectacular seascape of limestone pillars.

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL	(-/-/-)
DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR	(B/L/-)
DAY 3: HANOI – HALONG	(B/L/D)
DAY 4: HALONG – HANOI	(B/BRUNCH/-)
DAY 5: HANOI DEPARTURE	(B/-/-)

## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL (-/-/-)

Welcome to Hanoi – Vietnam!

Our driver will be welcoming you at Noi Bai airport; it takes us 35 minutes driving to hotel in the centre of Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

**Please note:** Standard check in time is 14:00. Early check in is subject to availability of the hotel.

**Night activities suggestion:** enjoy local beer at Ta Hien Streets, experience the ambience of sleepless street with life music, the young people of Hanoi and also foreign tourists. Hundreds of bars and pubs in the Old Quarter are also at your disposal. Or just simple spend your time at shopping malls or various boutique Shops.

### DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (B/L/-)

Breakfast at hotel.

8.30 am: Tran Quoc Pagoda & West Lake

The bus and tour guide will pick you up from hotel in old quarter about 8 AM, driving to Tran Quoc Pagoda is located on an island east of West Lake (Tay Ho District), with 1500-year history, which is considered to be the oldest in Thang Long-Hanoi. It was the Buddhist center of Thang Long citadel in the Ly and Tran dynasties. With its historical and architectural values, Tran Quoc pagoda is famous for its sacred Buddha land, which attracts many Buddhists and visitors to Vietnam.

9.30 am: Ho Chi Minh complex

Visitor to Ho Chi Minh complex (Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, the presidential palace, house on stilts the final resting place of Uncle Ho, where He lived and worked from 1954 - 1969).

11 am: Vietnam Museum of Ethnology

This is the most recent yet probably the largest and undoubtedly the most interesting Museums in Ha Noi and Viet Nam. There are both indoors and outdoors section, while the in – housed exhibition is particularly informative, the outdoors display and activities make the museum stand out from the rest. There are a number of houses modeling after the traditional architecture of ethnic minorities, especially those who live in Northern and Central highlands.

12.30 pm: Lunch Time

2 pm: The temple of literature (The first university in Vietnam)

Being an ancient school of Thang Long and the first university in Vietnam, Temple of Literature is acknowledged as an ancient historical-cultural heritage which gives tourists deeper understanding about Hanoi's years of culture and tradition.

3 pm: Hoa Lo prison

It was built in 1899. The French kept mainly political prisoners here along with those awaiting sentencing at the nearby Court of Justice, also where American pilots who had been shot down and captured were kept as prisoners of war. The pilots called it, sarcastically, the "Hanoi Hilton." John McCain was held here at various times during his five and a half year as a POW.

3.30 – 4 pm: Take the car back your hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

*Meal: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.*

**Please note:**

- On Monday and Friday morning Ho Chi Minh mausoleum and museum are closed, instead by Vietnamese women museum.
- Short/reveal clothing is not allowed to come in mausoleum and temple.

### DAY 3: HANOI – HALONG (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel and check out.

From Hanoi, at 8AM, head East for more than 3 hours to Halong Bay, the pride of the Gulf of Tonkin, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994. The road will pass by the Red River delta with green paddy fields and rural villages, where hard-work farmers are busy with their farming jobs, ploughing buffaloes or planting seedling. Upon arrival in Halong, we'll take a big boat to cruise the Bay to discover the magnificent beauty of this "Descending-dragon" bay, created by thousands odd-shaped limestone rocks and karst grottoes. After a lunch of fresh seafood on board, we can visit the Surprising Grotto, stop for swimming or kayaking, passing floating villages and approach islets to enjoy their beauty in close distance. Back to the boat for dinner late afternoon. Evening attend activities on the boat or relax at your own leisure. Overnight on the boat near Titov Beach.

**Please note:** The program may be little varied upon the cruise you choose.

### DAY 4: HALONG – HANOI (B/BRUCH/-)

After breakfast, visit by boat to Luon Cave, a ring-shaped pool inside an island in Halong with absolutely tranquil landscape and emerald water. Back to the Wharf of Halong passing the most densely area with many islands that have been named like the Cock-Fighting Rock, Sail Island, Incense burner rock or Sea Dog Rock. Arrive at Halong Wharf around 11.00.

Take shuttle bus back to Hanoi. Free at your own leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

### DAY 5: HANOI DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

You are free until transfer to the airport for departure flight. End of service!

**Please note:** Standard check out time is 12:00.

Have a fantastic trip!

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### HOTEL LIST (or similar)

City	Standard hotel	Superior hotel	Deluxe hotel
Hanoi	<b>La Dolce Vita</b> Superior <a href="https://ladolcevita-hotel.com/vi/">https://ladolcevita-hotel.com/vi/</a>	<b>Thang Long Opera</b> Superior <a href="https://opera.thanglonghanoihotels.com/vi/">https://opera.thanglonghanoihotels.com/vi/</a>	<b>Pan Pacific</b> Deluxe room <a href="http://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pp-hanoi.html">www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pp-hanoi.html</a>
Halong Bay	<b>Victory - 4*</b> Deluxe Ocean View <a href="http://baithojunks.com/victory-cruise/">baithojunks.com/victory-cruise/</a>	<b>Victory Star - 5*</b> Deluxe Ocean View <a href="http://baithojunks.com/victory-cruise/">https://baithojunks.com/victory-cruise/</a>	<b>Era Premium</b> ROH <a href="http://eracruises.com/">https://eracruises.com/</a>

### SERVICES INCLUDED

- ❖ English-speaking tour guides on touring date.
- ❖ Accommodation on twin/double/triple sharing basic
- ❖ Meal plan:
  - ☒ Daily breakfast at hotels.
  - ☒ Lunch or dinner with local food as mention in the program
- ❖ Air-con transfer for airport transfer and touring

- ❖ Private cabin on Shared Overnight Junk in Halong Bay
- ❖ Entrance fee and Zone fee as per program
- ❖ Water during transfer.

### **SERVICES not INCLUDED**

- ❖ Vietnam Visa arrangement services (single entry)
- ❖ International, domestic flights and airport departure tax.
- ❖ Meals not mentioned in Detailed Program.
- ❖ Vietnam Visa stamp fee (USD 25/pax)
- ❖ Early check-in, late check-out surcharge.
- ❖ Surcharge for Christmas and New Year period (to be advised upon booking confirmation)
- ❖ Tipping for Guides (USD 3/pax/day) and Drivers (USD 1/pax/day)
- ❖ Banking fee for payment by bank transfer
- ❖ Other expense not mentioned in the program.

### **TOUR PRICE PER PERSON (USD) – applicable to booking from 2 pax**

#### **2024 - 2025**

##### **Except**

- Xmas and New Year 2024: From Dec 19th, 2024 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Lunar new year 2025: From Jan 25<sup>th</sup> to Feb 2<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Reunification & Labor day: From Apr 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Vietnam national day: From Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

	High season October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 to April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		Low season May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 to September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	282	190	275	184
<b>Superior package</b>	328	234	322	227
<b>Deluxe package</b>	518	412	479	376

**SOLO TRAVELLER: 70 USD/pax/ trip**

#### **2025 - 2026**

##### **Except**

- Xmas and New Year 2025: From Dec 19th, 2025 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Lunar new year 2026: From Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to Feb 22<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Reunification & Labor day: From Apr 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Vietnam national day: From Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	292	198	284	192

Superior package	339	244	332	237
Deluxe package	538	432	498	393

**SOLO TRAVELLER: 70 USD/pax/ trip**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

##### **TOUR RATE:**

- Tour rates are based on current fuel rates and subject to change if the fuel rates increase by 15%.

#### **VEHICLE USAGE AND LOCAL GUIDE'S WORKING TIME:**

**For airport transfer:** Airport pick up/drop-off for flights from 22:00pm to 6:00 am will require a surcharges for guide fee and vehicle.

Guide fee surcharge:

- USD 10/guide/way for group 1 – 10 pax
- USD 15/guide /way for group from 11 pax up

Vehicle surcharge:

- USD 10/4-7 seaster car/ way
- USD 15 /15 seaster van/ way
- USD 20/24-35 seaster bus/ way
- USD 30/45 seaster bus/ way

**For sightseeing:** Guide and vehicle, if included, will follow the exact confirmed program. Their maximum working time for sightseeing is from 08:00am to 05:00pm or from 08:30am to 5:30pm. Dinner time is in 2 hours from 07:00 – 09:00pm including pick up/drop off from/to your hotel. Please discuss with your guide about the time you want to start the sightseeing to avoid delay.

Over time surcharge:

- USD 20 per hour for guide and vehicle for 4-7s car;
- USD 30 per hours for guide and vehicle for 15s minivan;
- USD 40 per hour for guide and vehicle for 24 minivan bus up

If you need more time for sightseeing or dinner, please inform us in advance to include the cost from begining.

**For lunch and dinner** are not included in the program: transfer and meal cost will be on guests's own arrangement.

***Since our tour guide and driver also need to recharge their health to work well on the next days, your understanding and punctuality are really appreciated.***

#### **HOTEL CHECK-IN & CHECK OUT TIME:**

- Check-in: from 14.00-15.00
- Check-out: before 11.00-12.00

**Note!** Early check and late check out are subjected to availability with surcharge from the hotels.

#### **SUGGESTED TIPS POLICY:**

- Group from 1 pax – 5 pax: Minimum USD 6/guests/day
- Group from 6 pax – 10 pax: Minimum USD 4/guests/day
- Group from 11 pax up: Minimum USD 3/pax/day