

# 5D4N Northern Vietnam



## Hanoi – Sapa - Hanoi

Valid until 31<sup>st</sup> September 2018

### Itinerary in Brief

Day 1: Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi – Lao Cai

Day 3: Sapa

Day 4: Sapa – Ethnic Market - Hanoi

Day 5: Hanoi Departure

### DAY 1: Arrival HANOI (D)

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, our representative will meet you and transfer you down town for dinner at local restaurant. Next, we go to hotel for check in then you are free to relax. Overnight in Hanoi.

### DAY 2: HANOI HIGHLIGHT – NIGHT TRAIN TO LAO CAI (B/L/D)

We start our day with the **Temple of Literature** – the first university of Vietnam built in 11<sup>th</sup> century *which reveals the Vietnamese spirit of study in the past!* The following is **The Presidential Palace** (formerly Palace of the Governor-General of French Indochina), Ho Chi Minh's house-on-stilt and nearby One Pillar Pagoda. A short drive out of the city centre for a special **lunch**. It is not only a meal but **cooking demonstration** at a local house. The Chef will show and you can try preparing rice pancake, then you will be invited to join in a meal at garden.

We continue our trip with "**Vietnam History museum**" - Originally established in the 1920s as the *Musée Louis Finot* and housed in a building which typifies the hybrid 'Indochinese style' of architecture, this museum traces the history of the Vietnamese people from the earliest times to the present day using displays of cultural and ethnological significance.

5 minutes walking from History Museum to **Hanoi Opera House** for photos. This is one of the most beautiful French architectural buildings left in Hanoi.

Then we drive to city centre for Walking tour. This part of trip will bring you "**an authentic Hanoi**" where you are "**eye witness**" of Hanoi's rich cultural and artistic history by seeing "**The last blacksmith of the Old quarter**", "**Silk flower shop**" (if you are lucky, you can meet "Queen of silk flower"), and "**The Old Garden House**" - the only one left in Hanoi Old quarter.

Spending hours walking around the Old quarter may make you feel thirsty. Stop over at a coffee shop where you see how the local people enjoy life, you may also award yourself with a unique drink known as "bitter sweet" coffee at **Café Giảng**- the oldest brand in Hanoi, **since 1946**. We will end the day with "**thousand year old**" **Water puppet Show**. After dinner, we transfer to the train station for your overnight on the train (4 to a cabin)

### DAY 3: SAPA (B/L/D)

Upon arrival at Lao Cai, journey up the terraced hillsides to Sapa, a former French hill resort and home to some of Vietnam's most vibrant ethnic groups. Be greeted by a breakfast at a local restaurant. After breakfast, stop by the central market to see how the local people market their wares. Next, you will get to take a look at how the local ethnic minorities live. Firstly, walk through the vibrant villages, rice fields and thatched roof homes to see the Red Dzao at work and at play in their distinctive red traditional dress. After lunch, check into hotel and take a short rest. Proceed on to visit Cat Cat Cultural Village where the Black H'mong ethnic minorities live. Enjoy the view at the scenic silver waterfall. Overnight in Sapa.

### DAY 4: SAPA – ETHNIC MARKET MARKET - HANOI ( B/L/D)

We will spend this day to visit one of ethnic market before transfer to the railway station to take night train to Hanoi. Ethnic market will be held as below:

#### Coc Ly Tuesday Market:

It takes about 2 hours by car from Sapa to Coc Ly Market. It is the colourful market in a mountainous area where the Flower H'mong mainly gathers to exchange their homemade products. After visiting the

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market we go on a boat on the Chay River with beautiful mountains on both sides. On the way we will have a short trek to Trung Do village (Tay) this is a unique opportunity for you to see the traditional lifestyle of tribal minorities and their costumes and handicrafts. And then get back to Lao Cai station to take night train to Hanoi

### Lung Khau Ninh Thursday market:

Lung Khau Ninh is held on Thursday. You will enjoy beautiful scenery along the road until you arrive in Muong Khuong. From there, you turn in a dirt road, which goes up in mountains. Pine trees forests and villages surround the tiny market. Flower Hmong, Tu Di, Tay and Giay ethnic minorities come to buy and sell local products such as food and material for agriculture and fabric. After exploring the market, your car will take you heading to Cao Son - the most stunning part of Lao Cai province. You will then be able to visit to the most secluded peaceful village - Tin Thang and have an opportunity to see people still distill the wine from corn, making bacon in the most basic way and offering special corn cake to anyone who drop by their house. After that, get back to Lao Cai station to take night train to Hanoi.

### Can Cau Saturday market:

After having breakfast in Sapa we go to the Can Cau Saturday Market by a van. It takes approximately 2 hours to get there. This is a colourful market situated in a small village in the mountain. You will see several different minority groups here but mainly the Flower H'mong people. The local people come here to buy and sell clothes, vegetables, meat and cattle. In the afternoon we will have a short trek to Ban Pho village (Flower H'Mong). Transfer back to Lao Cai for the night train to Hanoi

### Bac Ha Sunday market:

This is the largest market in the region, a place where many ethnic groups gather to buy and sell, eat and drink together. There are 10 minority groups in the Bac Ha region. You can buy homemade handicrafts and clothes. In the afternoon we will have a 2 hour trek to Ban Pho village (Flower H'Mong people). In the village we can have a look in their house and understand little more about their lifestyle and traditional customs. Especially, we can try homemade wine from corn. And then we drive back to Lao Cai Railway station for night train back to Hanoi.

Embark on a city tour of Hanoi to visit

## **DAY 5: HANOI DEPARTURE (B)**

Upon arrival in Hanoi, we will transfer for breakfast with noodle before going to the airport for your flight back home!

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### Inclusions

02 nights' Accommodation (1 night Hanoi / 1 night Sapa) with daily breakfast  
02 nights on night train Hanoi – Lao Cai – 4 pax in a cabin.  
Local English speaking guide : Hanoi  
Local English speaking guide : Sapa  
Meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program (Vietnamese Local food)

### Conditions

Minimum 02 travellers required. Must travel together on whole itinerary.  
Single travelling may be arranged, surcharges apply  
Prices are subjected to change or withdrawal without prior notice  
Strictly no refund for unused transfer and/or room  
Early Check-In / Late Check-Out is subjected to availability by the hotel.  
Travellers to ensure own arrangements of valid passports and visas, if required  
Not valid for travel during peak periods

Cash prices in SGD per person

Prices are subjected to change or withdrawal without prior notice. Other terms & conditions apply

Period : Till 31 <sup>st</sup> September 2018									
Except for 14 – 18 Feb, 29 – 30 Apr, 1 – 2 May, 30 Aug – 2 Sep									
Description	No. of Pax								
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Standard	786	704	640	602	593	579	564	559	551
Superior	836	753	688	651	643	627	612	608	601
Deluxe	933	850	786	749	740	724	709	704	696

Cities	Hotel Category / Room Type		
	Standard 3* Hotel	Superior 4* Hotel	Deluxe 5* Hotel
Hanoi	Hoa Binh hotel – Superior or similar class	Lacasa hotel – Deluxe or similar class	Sheraton hotel – Deluxe or similar class
Sapa	Bamboo hotel – Standard Mountain	Chau Long hotel - Superior	Victoria Resort - Superior

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