



H Y N A T R A V E L



DETAILED ITINERARY

10-Day North Vietnam Hidden Gems

Hanoi – Sapa – Ha Giang – Cao Bang – Ba Be



YOUR JOURNEY

Trip at a Glance

DURATION

10 days / 9 nights

ROUTE

Hanoi – Sapa – Ha Giang – Bao Lac – Cao Bang
– Ba Be Lake

TOUR STYLE

Private tour · English-speaking guide on
sightseeing days

GETTING AROUND

Private car & driver · motorbike with easy rider or
jeep on the Ha Giang Loop

MEALS INCLUDED

9 breakfasts · 8 lunches

PERFECT FOR

Travellers who want the remote north: passes,
rivers, waterfalls and lakes

Tour highlights

- ✓ **Fansipan & Cat Cat** – Sapa's peak and H'Mong village.
- ✓ **Heaven Gate & Fairy Hill** – the gateway to Ha Giang.
- ✓ **Nho Que River & Ma Pi Leng Pass** – Vietnam's most dramatic mountain road.
- ✓ **H'Mong King's Palace & Tham Ma Pass** – history and hairpin bends.
- ✓ **Ban Gioc Waterfall** – plus Nguom Ngao Cave and Pac Bo.
- ✓ **Ba Be Lake** – An Ma Temple and Widow Island.



YOUR ROUTE

Route Map





DAY BY DAY

Itinerary at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Guide	Overnight	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival & Transfer to Sapa	Guide pickup	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa Sapa	—
Day 2	Sapa: Fansipan Peak & Cat Cat Village	Full day guide	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa Sapa	B, L
Day 3	Moana Sapa & the Mountain Road to Ha Giang	Full day guide	Local homestay Ha Giang	B, L
Day 4	Ha Giang: Quan Ba Heaven Gate & Fairy Mountains	Full day guide	Local homestay Ha Giang	B, L
Day 5	Nho Que River & Ma Pi Leng Pass	Full day guide	Local homestay Ha Giang	B, L
Day 6	H'Mong King's Palace & Tham Ma Pass to Bao Lac	Full day guide	Local stilt-house homestay Bao Lac	B, L
Day 7	Pac Bo Cave, Lenin Stream & Karl Marx Mountain	Full day guide	Saigon Ban Gioc Resort Cao Bang	B, L
Day 8	Ban Gioc Waterfall, Nguom Ngao Cave & Ba Be Lake	Full day guide	Local homestay Ba Be Lake	B, L
Day 9	Ba Be Lake: An Ma Temple, Widow Island & Return to Hanoi	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 10	Hanoi Departure	Guide dropoff	—	B

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



DAY 1 HANOI – SAPA

Hanoi Arrival & Transfer to Sapa

Overnight: Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa, Sapa pickup

Meals: Lunch and dinner on your own

Guide: Guide



On arrival

Welcome to Vietnam. Your HYNA guide and driver wait in the arrival hall at Noi Bai International Airport with a name sign, and you set off straight for Sapa. The drive of about five and a half to six hours follows the expressway north-west past rice fields, mountain passes and small villages, as the land climbs towards the Hoang Lien Son range.

Evening

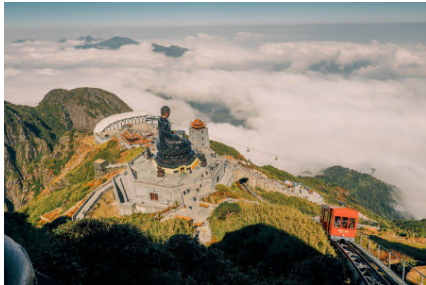
Settle into your hotel, then explore Sapa town at your own pace: stroll to the old **Stone Church**, browse the local market or simply breathe in the cool mountain air.

**DAY 2** SAPA**Sapa: Fansipan Peak & Cat Cat Village**

Overnight: Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa, Sapa
Full day guide

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own**

Guide:

**Morning**

After breakfast, your guide meets you around 8:00 AM and walks with you to **Sun Plaza** station in the town centre.

The **Muong Hoa** Mountain Train carries you over the valley, then the cable car lifts you towards **Fansipan**, the "Roof of Indochina" at 3,143 metres. From the top station, climb the stone steps past the Great Buddha statue and mountain pagodas to the summit, where on a clear day the ridges of the Hoang Lien Son range roll away in every direction, and on other days the clouds sweep past close enough to touch.

Midday

A buffet lunch around 11:30 AM at the Fansipan restaurant warms you up before the ride back down to Sapa.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, walk down into **Cat Cat**, a Black H'Mong village at the foot of Fansipan. The path winds past wooden houses, terraced rice fields and handicraft workshops where indigo-dyed cloth hangs in deep blue folds, down to the rushing Cat Cat waterfall. Along the way, you learn how the community lives and works in these mountains. You are back at your hotel by about 4:30 PM.

**DAY 3** SAPA – HA GIANG**Moana Sapa & the Mountain Road to Ha Giang****Overnight:** Local homestay, Ha Giang**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

Check out after breakfast and meet your guide and driver around 7:30 AM. Your first stop is **Moana Sapa**, one of the town's most photographed spots, with its Bali-style gate, a giant hand sculpture and an infinity lake that seems to pour straight into the Hoang Lien Son mountains, quiet at this early hour. Then begin the long drive east to Ha Giang, about eight hours with stops.

Midday

Lunch around 12:30 PM is at a local restaurant in Bac Ha.

Afternoon

The afternoon road runs through Xin Man and Hoang Su Phi, one of the most remote corners of the north, where rice terraces are carved into the hillsides like giant staircases and villages appear only now and then between the folds of the mountains.

Overnight

You arrive in Ha Giang and check in at your local homestay around 6:00 PM.



DAY 4 HA GIANG

Ha Giang: Quan Ba Heaven Gate & Fairy Mountains

Overnight: Local homestay, Ha Giang**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

After breakfast, your guide and driver meet you around 8:00 AM and head north on the **Ha Giang Loop** road.

It climbs the **Bac Sum Pass** to **Quan Ba Heaven Gate**, the traditional gateway to the **Dong Van Karst Plateau**, where the whole valley suddenly opens below you.

From the viewpoint, look down on the twin **Fairy Mountains**, two perfectly rounded hills rising from the rice fields of Quan Ba, while your guide tells the local legend behind them.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant in Quan Ba.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, the road continues through the pine forests of **Yen Minh**, where the air smells of resin, and past H'Mong and Dao villages clinging to the hillsides.

Overnight

You check in at your local homestay in Yen Minh by about 4:00 PM, with time to watch evening fall over the hills.



DAY 5 HA GIANG

Nho Que River & Ma Pi Leng Pass

Overnight: Local homestay, Ha Giang**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

After breakfast, your guide and driver meet you around 8:00 AM and drive through **Mau Due** to **Meo Vac**, deep in the **Dong Van Karst Plateau**. The road winds past maize terraces and stone-walled H'Mong houses, and the mountains grow sharper and barer as you go.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant in Meo Vac.

Afternoon

In the early afternoon, head down to the **Nho Que River** and board a boat through the **Tu San** canyon, where the emerald water glides between sheer limestone cliffs and the sky shrinks to a narrow strip above.

Then climb up to the famous **Ma Pi Leng Pass**, a road cut into the cliffside high above the very canyon you have just sailed, and stop at the viewpoints to take it in: the river is now a thin green ribbon far below. The road runs on to Dong Van, a small town of old stone and tiled houses at the foot of the mountains.

Overnight

You check in at your local homestay in Dong Van by about 5:00 PM.



DAY 6 HA GIANG – CAO BANG

H'Mong King's Palace & Tham Ma Pass to Bao Lac

Overnight: Local stilt-house homestay, Bao Lac
day guide

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own**

Guide: Full



Morning

After breakfast, your guide and driver meet you around 7:30 AM. In the quiet **Sa Phin** valley, visit the **H'Mong King's Palace**, the stone and wood mansion of the Vuong family, built in the early 20th century with courtyards that blend Chinese and French influences.

Then stop for photos at the famous hairpin bends of **Tham Ma Pass**, the road coiling down the mountain below you, before turning back east through **Dong Van** to **Meo Vac**.

Midday

Lunch around 12:30 PM is at a local restaurant in Meo Vac.

Afternoon

The afternoon road follows the **Nho Que River** down towards the Gam River and into Cao Bang province, a drive of about three hours. Watch the landscape change from bare grey rock to greener valleys and Tay villages as you go.

Overnight

You reach Bao Lac by about 4:30 PM and settle into a Tay stilt-house homestay by the river.

**DAY 7 CAO BANG****Pac Bo Cave, Lenin Stream & Karl Marx Mountain****Overnight:** Saigon Ban Gioc Resort, Cao Bang
day guide**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch • **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full**Morning**

After breakfast, your guide and driver meet you around 7:30 AM for the mountain drive of about three hours east through Bao Lac and the valleys of Ha Quang to **Pac Bo**, close to the Chinese border. Here, in a small cave in a remote valley, Ho Chi Minh lived and worked in 1941 after thirty years abroad. Standing inside, you learn how the Viet Minh movement began in this quiet place, far from any city.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant near Pac Bo.

Afternoon

After lunch, walk along **Lenin Stream**, its water so clear and green that you can see every stone on the bed, flowing at the foot of **Karl Marx Mountain**; Ho Chi Minh gave both their names during his stay. Around 1:30 PM the road takes you through Tra Linh and Trung Khanh towards Ban Gioc, about three hours past rice valleys and limestone peaks.

Overnight

You check in at your resort near **Ban Gioc Waterfall** by about 4:30 PM.

**DAY 8** CAO BANG – BA BE**Ban Gioc Waterfall, Nguom Ngao Cave & Ba Be Lake****Overnight:** Local homestay, Ba Be Lake**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

Your guide and driver meet you at your resort around 7:30 AM, only a few minutes from the falls. You hear Ban Gioc before you see it: one of the largest waterfalls in Southeast Asia, where the **Quay Son River** tumbles over wide limestone terraces on the border with China. A bamboo raft takes you close enough to feel the spray.

A short drive away, walk through the lit chambers of **Nguom Ngao Cave**, filled with stalactites and rock formations.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant in Cao Bang city.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, the road crosses forested passes to **Ba Be National Park**, home to the largest natural freshwater lake in Vietnam, its still water framed by limestone mountains.

Overnight

You check in at your local homestay by **Ba Be Lake** around 5:00 PM.



DAY 9 BA BE – HANOI

Ba Be Lake: An Ma Temple, Widow Island & Return to Hanoi**Overnight:** Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own** | **Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

After breakfast, walk down to the pier around 7:30 AM and board a local boat. In the soft morning light, forested limestone mountains are mirrored in the water. Glide past **Widow Island**, a tiny islet tied to the legend of how the lake was born, and stop at **An Ma Temple** on its small island in the middle of the lake. Back on shore, your guide and driver take you south towards Hanoi, about five to six hours through the hills of Bac Kan and the tea country of Thai Nguyen.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant on the way.

Afternoon

You check in at your hotel in Hanoi around 5:00 PM. The evening is free to enjoy the lights, food and bustle of the **Old Quarter**, a lively change after the stillness of the mountains.



DAY 10 DEPARTURE

Hanoi Departure

Overnight: — | Meals: Breakfast · Lunch and dinner on your own | Guide: Guide dropoff



Morning

Enjoy a last breakfast at your hotel in Hanoi and a final coffee as the city wakes up.

Departure

Depending on your flight time, your guide accompanies you on the private transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for your flight home. Thank you for travelling with HYNA. We hope the mountains, rivers and villages of the far north stay with you long after you leave.



YOUR TOUR

What's Included

PRICE ON REQUEST

The price of this itinerary depends on your travel dates, group size and hotel class.

See the last page to request your personal quote.

Included	Not included
✓ Private English-speaking guide on sightseeing days (see the Guide column) ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off with your English-speaking guide ✓ Transportation as described in the itinerary ✓ Accommodation as described in the itinerary (hotel class of your choice) ✓ Daily breakfast at the hotel ✓ Meals as listed in the itinerary (B, L, D) ✓ Drinking water on tour days ✓ Entrance fees for the attractions listed ✓ Activities listed in the itinerary (boat trips, cable cars, workshops, performances) ✓ Travel insurance ✓ VAT and service charges	✗ International flights ✗ Domestic flights (unless otherwise stated) ✗ Vietnam visa fee (if applicable) ✗ Personal expenses – laundry, minibar, phone calls, etc. ✗ Tips for guide and driver: USD 3 per person per day ✗ Optional tours and activities not in the itinerary ✗ Meals and drinks not listed in the itinerary ✗ Early check-in and late check-out ✗ Public holiday, peak season and special event surcharges (if applicable) ✗ Any service not listed under “Included”

Accommodation

Destination	Nights	Hotel / Cruise
Sapa	2	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa or similar
Ha Giang	3	Local homestay
Bao Lac	1	Local stilt-house homestay
Cao Bang	1	Saigon Ban Gioc Resort or similar
Ba Be Lake	1	Local homestay
Hanoi	1	Tirant Hotel or similar

Check-in from 2:00 PM, check-out by 12:00 PM.



Children policy

Age	Policy
Under 5 years	• Free of charge for land services (transport, meals, accommodation, entrance fees) • Shares bed with parents; no extra bed • Maximum 1 free child per 2 paying adults (unless otherwise specified) • Additional young children may be charged according to supplier policy • Airfare, visa, travel insurance and personal expenses are charged separately
5 – 9 years	• With extra bed: 75% of the adult price • Without extra bed: 65% of the adult price • Child airfare varies by airline and will be advised separately
10 years and over	• 100% of the adult price

A child's age is based on the tour start date, not the booking date.



BOOKING

How to Book

1

Confirm your trip

We confirm the services and itinerary by email, then both parties sign the travel contract.

2

Pay the deposit

A 50% deposit secures all services for your trip.

3

Pay the balance

The remaining 50% is due at least 7 days before departure.

4

Get ready to travel

Once payment is received, we email your booking confirmation and open a WhatsApp group with our operations team. There you will receive travel updates, send us the documents we need, and reach us any time before and during your trip.

Payment terms

Deposit	50% upon confirmation
Balance	50% no later than 7 days before arrival
Payment methods	Wise, OnePay payment link, Western Union, bank transfer
Bank details	Provided on your invoice
Card fees	Visa / Mastercard 3.8%; American Express 3.85%
Invoices	Sent to your email within 48 hours of booking confirmation

Cancellation policy

Cancellation notice	Charge
31 days or more before departure	30% of the tour price
8 – 30 days before departure	50% of the tour price
7 days or less before departure	100% of the tour price
Any time	Airfares booked by HYNA are non-refundable. Refunds exclude international transaction fees.

Different cancellation terms may apply during peak season (Christmas and New Year) and public holidays; we will advise these case by case.



BEFORE YOU GO

Good to Know

Vietnam public holidays

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	1 January
Lunar New Year (Tet)	1st day of the 1st lunar month – 17 February 2026; 6 February 2027. The official multi-day holiday is announced by the government each year.
Hung Kings Commemoration	10th day of the 3rd lunar month (usually April)
Reunification Day	30 April
International Labour Day	1 May
National Day	2 September (plus one adjacent day)

Surcharges may apply on public holidays and during the Christmas – New Year peak season.

Practical notes

- **Itinerary changes:** the schedule may be adjusted for weather, road conditions or flight times.
- **Closed attractions:** if a site is closed for maintenance or a holiday, we will arrange a similar alternative.
- **Meals:** Vietnamese cuisine is served; vegetarian options are available. Please tell us about allergies or dietary needs in advance.
- **Dress code:** shoulders and knees must be covered at pagodas, temples and mausoleums. Visitors in shorts or tank tops may be refused entry.
- **Flights:** full passport names are required for bookings. Airfares can change without notice until tickets are issued.
- **Tipping:** a gratuity of USD 3 per person per day for your guide and driver is required and collected at the end of the tour, in USD or VND.



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