



H Y N A T R A V E L



DETAILED ITINERARY

14-Day Vietnam Discovery Tour

Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Ha Long – Sapa – Da Nang – Hoi An – Ho Chi
Minh City



YOUR JOURNEY

Trip at a Glance

DURATION

14 days / 13 nights

ROUTE

Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Lan Ha Bay – Sapa – Da Nang – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta

TOUR STYLE

Private tour · English-speaking guide on sightseeing days · shared guide on the cruise

GETTING AROUND

Private car & driver · overnight sleeper bus · overnight cruise · domestic flights (not included)

MEALS INCLUDED

12 breakfasts · 10 lunches · 1 dinner

PERFECT FOR

Travellers with two weeks who want the full north-to-south journey

Tour highlights

- ✓ **Hanoi city tour** – Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Train Street, the Temple of Literature and a water puppet show.
- ✓ **Ninh Binh** – karst landscapes and river boats.
- ✓ **Ha Long Bay cruise** – a night on La SEN of the Bay Cruise.
- ✓ **Sapa trek** – Lao Chai and Ta Van villages.
- ✓ **Hoi An** – the ancient town and its countryside.
- ✓ **Da Nang** – the city's landmarks.
- ✓ **Cu Chi & Mekong** – wartime tunnels and river life in the south.



YOUR ROUTE

Route Map





DAY BY DAY

Itinerary at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Guide	Overnight	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival – Free & Easy	Guide pickup	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	—
Day 2	Hanoi Full-Day City Tour	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 3	Hanoi to Ninh Binh Nature Discovery	Full day guide	Emeralda Resort Ninh Binh Ninh Binh	B, L
Day 4	Ninh Binh to Ha Long Bay: Overnight Cruise	Shared guide	La SEN of the Bay Cruise Lan Ha Bay	B, L, D
Day 5	Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Night Transfer to Sapa	Shared guide	Overnight sleeper bus	B, L
Day 6	Sapa Mountain Exploration	Full day guide	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa Sapa	L
Day 7	Lao Chai – Ta Van Trek & Return to Hanoi	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 8	Fly to Da Nang – Hoi An Ancient Town	Half day guide	Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery Hoi An	B
Day 9	Hoi An Countryside Exploration	Full day guide	Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery Hoi An	B, L
Day 10	Da Nang City Tour	Full day guide	Radisson Hotel Danang Da Nang	B, L
Day 11	Da Nang – Flight to Ho Chi Minh City – Free & Easy	Guide for airport transfers	Rex Hotel Saigon Ho Chi Minh City	B
Day 12	Ho Chi Minh City Tour & Cu Chi Tunnels	Full day guide	Rex Hotel Saigon Ho Chi Minh City	B, L
Day 13	Mekong Delta Exploration Day Tour	Full day guide	Rex Hotel Saigon Ho Chi Minh City	B, L
Day 14	Ho Chi Minh City Departure	Guide dropoff	—	B

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



DAY 1 HANOI

Hanoi Arrival – Free & Easy

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi

Meals: Lunch and dinner on your own

Guide: Guide pickup



On arrival

Welcome to Vietnam. Your HYNA guide and driver are waiting in the arrival hall at Noi Bai International Airport, and the drive into the city takes about 45 minutes, across the Red River and into the tangle of the **Old Quarter**, where your hotel stands.

Evening

Check in, rest after the flight and take the rest of the day at your own pace. When you feel like stretching your legs, **Hoan Kiem Lake** is a short walk away: locals stroll its shore, scooters hum along the lanes around it, and the red **Huc Bridge** leads out to a small temple on the water. It is an easy first look at the capital.



DAY 2 HANOI

Hanoi Full-Day City Tour

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own | Guide: Full day guide

**Morning**

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 8:00 AM, and the day begins at **Ba Dinh Square** and the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, where President Ho Chi Minh lies in state.

Walk on past the **Presidential Palace**, his simple stilt house and the lotus-shaped **One Pillar Pagoda**. The mausoleum opens in the morning and closes on Mondays, Fridays and during its yearly maintenance; on those days you see it from the square.

At **West Lake**, **Tran Quoc**, Hanoi's oldest pagoda, raises its red brick tower above the water.

Then walk **Train Street**, where the railway runs a few steps from front doors and tiny cafés.

Midday

Lunch around midday is a Vietnamese meal at a local restaurant, full of fresh herbs and gentle northern flavours.

Afternoon

The **Temple of Literature**, founded in 1070 and home to Vietnam's first university, is a calm world of shaded courtyards and stelae naming doctoral laureates.

In the **Old Quarter**, where each street once belonged to its own craft, watch daily life flow around **Hoan Kiem Lake**.

Evening

Around 5:00 PM, take your seats for a water puppet show, a folk art born in the rice fields of the Red River Delta, with puppets splashing across a pool stage to live music. You are back at your hotel by about 6:30 PM, and dinner is at your own arrangement.

**DAY 3** HANOI – NINH BINH**Hanoi to Ninh Binh Nature Discovery****Overnight:** Emeraldalda Resort Ninh Binh, Ninh Binh
day guide**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full**Morning**

Check out after breakfast and meet your guide around 8:00 AM for the 2-hour drive south to Ninh Binh, where limestone peaks rise straight out of the rice fields. At the UNESCO-listed **Trang An** landscape, step into a small sampan and settle back as a local boatman rows you along quiet waterways. The boat slides between towering karst cliffs and through a series of low cave tunnels, so low in places that you duck your head, past small temples on the banks and water buffalo grazing in the paddies. The ride takes around 2–3 hours, and the only sounds are the oars and the birds.

Midday

Lunch around 1:00 PM is at a local restaurant in Ninh Binh.

Afternoon

After lunch, your guide and driver take you to your resort, where you check in around 2:30 PM. The rest of the afternoon is free to relax and watch the light change over the countryside.

**DAY 4 NINH BINH – HA LONG BAY****Ninh Binh to Ha Long Bay: Overnight Cruise****Overnight:** La SEN of the Bay Cruise, Lan Ha Bay | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Guide:** Shared guide**Morning**

Check out after breakfast and meet your driver around 7:30 AM for the drive from Ninh Binh to **Tuan Chau Marina**, about 3.5 hours by road.

Check in at the marina around 11:30 AM and transfer by tender to **La SEN of the Bay Cruise**, where the cruise guide takes care of you. A welcome drink is waiting, and you meet the captain and crew.

Midday

Lunch around 1:00 PM is served on board, with Vietnamese dishes and fresh seafood as the limestone islets slide past the windows.

Afternoon

Sail into **Lan Ha Bay**, a quieter neighbour of **Ha Long Bay**, where karst towers rise from emerald water. Paddle a kayak close to the cliffs or slip into the sea for a swim.

Evening

As the boat anchors for the night, join a spring roll cooking demonstration, then head up to the sundeck for the sunset party with local wine and fresh fruit, watching the peaks turn to silhouettes. After dinner, try squid fishing off the side of the boat, watch a film or relax at the bar, and fall asleep to the gentle movement of the water.



DAY 5 HA LONG BAY – HANOI

Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Night Transfer to Sapa

Overnight: Overnight sleeper bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own

Guide: Shared guide



Early morning Rise early to watch the sun come up over the bay, with coffee, tea and a light breakfast. Then explore **Dark & Bright Cave** and the islets around it by local rowing boat, drifting through a quiet corner of the bay where the only sound is the oar in the water.

Midday Brunch is served around 10:00 AM as the cruise sails back towards the marina. Around midday, a tender takes you to **Tuan Chau Marina** for the drive back to Hanoi.

Afternoon You are back in Hanoi around 3:00 PM, with time at leisure in the **Old Quarter** before your night journey.

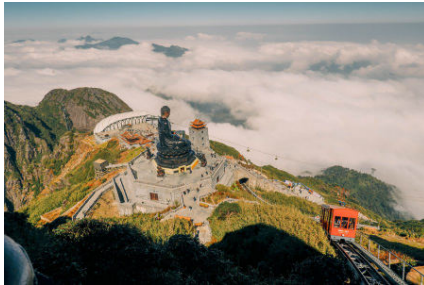
Overnight Your guide sees you off on the overnight sleeper bus to Sapa, which departs around 10:00 PM. Settle into your berth and sleep as the road climbs into the mountains; the bus reaches Sapa before dawn, and you can stay in your berth until around 6:00 AM.

**DAY 6** SAPA

Sapa Mountain Exploration

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

Meals: Lunch · **Breakfast and dinner on your own**



- Early morning** Step off the sleeper bus around 6:00 AM, when mist often still hangs over the valleys. Your guide meets you and takes you to the hotel to leave your luggage; breakfast in town is at your own arrangement.
- Morning** Your guide meets you at the hotel around 8:30 AM. Ride the cable car towards **Fansipan**, the Roof of Indochina at 3,143 m, then climb the stone steps past pagodas and the Great Buddha statue to the summit. The Hoang Lien Son range rolls away on every side, and on some days you stand above the clouds.
- Midday** Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant.
- Afternoon** Walk down through **Cat Cat**, a Black H'Mong village at the foot of Fansipan, past wooden houses, terraced fields and weaving workshops where cloth is dyed in deep indigo, to a waterfall tumbling through the valley. Check in to your hotel around 4:30 PM and rest after a full day.



DAY 7 SAPA – HANOI

Lao Chai – Ta Van Trek & Return to Hanoi

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own | Guide: Full day guide

**Morning**

Check out after breakfast and meet your guide around 8:30 AM for a short drive to the start of the trail in the **Muong Hoa** Valley. Over about 8–10 km, the path follows village tracks between rice terraces, bamboo groves and clear streams.

In **Lao Chai** you meet Black H'Mong families, and in **Ta Van** you reach the homes of the Giay people, each with their own dress, language and way of farming the slopes. Your guide keeps an easy pace, with plenty of stops to catch your breath and take photos.

Midday

Lunch around 12:30 PM is at a local restaurant in Ta Van village.

Afternoon

Your driver collects you in Ta Van for the drive back to Hanoi, about 5.5–6 hours along the expressway. You reach your hotel in Hanoi by about 8:00 PM.

**DAY 8 HANOI – HOI AN****Fly to Da Nang – Hoi An Ancient Town**

Overnight: Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery, Hoi An
Half day guide

Meals: Breakfast · **Lunch and dinner on your own**

Guide:

**Morning**

After breakfast, your guide accompanies you to Noi Bai International Airport for your domestic flight to Da Nang.

On arrival

Your HYNA guide and driver meet you at Da Nang International Airport and drive you south to your hotel in Hoi An, about 45 minutes away.

Afternoon

After time to settle in, your guide meets you at your hotel around 4:00 PM for a walk into the old town. Hoi An was once a busy trading port for merchants from China, Japan and Europe, and its UNESCO-listed lanes still hold their mustard-yellow merchant houses, carved Chinese assembly halls and the **Japanese Covered Bridge**.

Evening

As dusk falls, silk lanterns glow along the **Hoai River** and their colours ripple on the water. You are back at your hotel by about 7:00 PM, with the evening free for dinner in town.



DAY 9 HOI AN

Hoi An Countryside Exploration

Overnight: Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery, Hoi An
day guide

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

Guide: Full



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 8:00 AM. Climb into a round bamboo basket boat at the **Cam Thanh** coconut forest and glide between the water-coconut palms, the paddles dipping softly in the brown water. The boatmen show you how local fishermen cast their nets, and you can take the paddle and try to steer yourself, which is harder than it looks. Continue to **Tra Que**, where farmers still grow fragrant herbs and greens by hand. Walk the neat garden beds, breathe in the scent of basil and mint, and see how the growers tend each row.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant.

Afternoon

Thanh Ha is a riverside pottery village where families have shaped clay by hand for generations. Watch the potters turn and smooth each piece, then sit at the wheel and try it yourself. You are back at your hotel by about 2:30 PM, with the rest of the afternoon free.



DAY 10 HOI AN – DA NANG

Da Nang City Tour**Overnight:** Radisson Hotel Danang, Da Nang
guide**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day**Morning**

Check out after breakfast and drive north towards Da Nang with your guide around 8:30 AM. On the way, stop at the **Marble Mountains**, a cluster of limestone and marble hills hiding caves, pagodas and a viewpoint over the city and the coast.

Continue up the **Son Tra Peninsula** to **Linh Ung Pagoda**, where the tall white **Lady Buddha** statue looks out over the sea and the fishing boats in the bay.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant in the city.

Afternoon

After lunch, stop along the **Han River** to see the **Dragon Bridge**, the golden dragon that has become the symbol of modern Da Nang.

Check in to your hotel by **My Khe Beach** around 2:30 PM, with the rest of the day free for the sand and the sea.



DAY 11 DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY

Da Nang – Flight to Ho Chi Minh City – Free & Easy

Overnight: Rex Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
Guide for airport transfers

Meals: Breakfast · **Lunch and dinner on your own**

Guide:



Morning

After breakfast, your guide accompanies you to Da Nang International Airport for your domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

On arrival

Your HYNA guide and driver meet you at Tan Son Nhat International Airport and take you to your hotel in District 1. The rest of the day is at leisure. Nguyen Hue walking street, the **Opera House** and City Hall are all a few minutes' walk away, a lively introduction to Vietnam's largest city.



DAY 12 HO CHI MINH CITY

Ho Chi Minh City Tour & Cu Chi Tunnels

Overnight: Rex Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
day guide

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

Guide: Full



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 7:30 AM, and the city thins into farmland on the 1.5–2 hour drive northwest to **Cu Chi**. Beneath this quiet countryside lies a vast network of tunnels dug by hand and used during the Vietnam War. Your guide shows you the hidden entrances, the traps and the cramped command rooms, and you can lower yourself into a preserved section to feel how narrow and dark life underground really was.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant on your way back into the city.

Afternoon

Back in the city, begin at the **Independence Palace**, the former presidential palace and a landmark of the war's end in 1975. Walk through the wide reception halls and down into the command bunker beneath them.

A few minutes away, the **Saigon Central Post Office** is one of the city's finest colonial buildings, where people still buy stamps and send letters under its high arched ceiling.

The day closes at the **War Remnants Museum**, which tells the story of the war and its long shadow through photographs and exhibits that stay with you. You are back at your hotel by about 5:00 PM.



DAY 13 MEKONG DELTA

Mekong Delta Exploration Day Tour

Overnight: Rex Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City
day guide

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

Guide: Full



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 7:30 AM for the 1.5–2 hour drive to **My Tho**, as the city gives way to rice fields.

Board a wooden boat on the **Tien River**, one of the branches of the Mekong, and pass fishing boats and stilt houses before turning into the narrow canals of **Ben Tre**, the land of coconuts, shaded by water-coconut palms. At a family workshop, watch coconut candy being stirred and cut by hand, and sip honey tea.

Midday

Lunch around midday is a southern Vietnamese meal at a local restaurant.

Afternoon

Walk through a fruit orchard and taste whatever is in season, then sit down to listen to don ca tai tu, the southern folk music recognised by UNESCO, played and sung by local musicians. You are back at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City by about 5:00 PM.



DAY 14 DEPARTURE

Ho Chi Minh City Departure

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



Departure

Enjoy a last breakfast and some free time until your transfer. Your HYNA guide then accompanies you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport, about 30 minutes from the city centre, for your flight home. Thank you for travelling with HYNA. We hope Vietnam stays 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
Hanoi	2	Tirant Hotel or similar
Ninh Binh	1	Emeralda Resort Ninh Binh or similar
Lan Ha Bay	1	La SEN of the Bay Cruise or similar
Sapa	1	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa or similar
Hanoi	1	Tirant Hotel or similar
Hoi An	2	Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery or similar
Da Nang	1	Radisson Hotel Danang or similar
Ho Chi Minh City	3	Rex Hotel Saigon 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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