



H Y N A T R A V E L



DETAILED ITINERARY

9-Day Northern Vietnam Adventure Tour

Hanoi – Ha Long – Ha Giang – Sapa



YOUR JOURNEY

Trip at a Glance

DURATION

9 days / 8 nights

ROUTE

Hanoi – Lan Ha Bay – Ha Giang – Sapa

TOUR STYLE

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

GETTING AROUND

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

MEALS INCLUDED

6 breakfasts · 7 lunches · 1 dinner

PERFECT FOR

Active travellers who want the bay, the Ha Giang Loop and Sapa's rice terraces in one trip

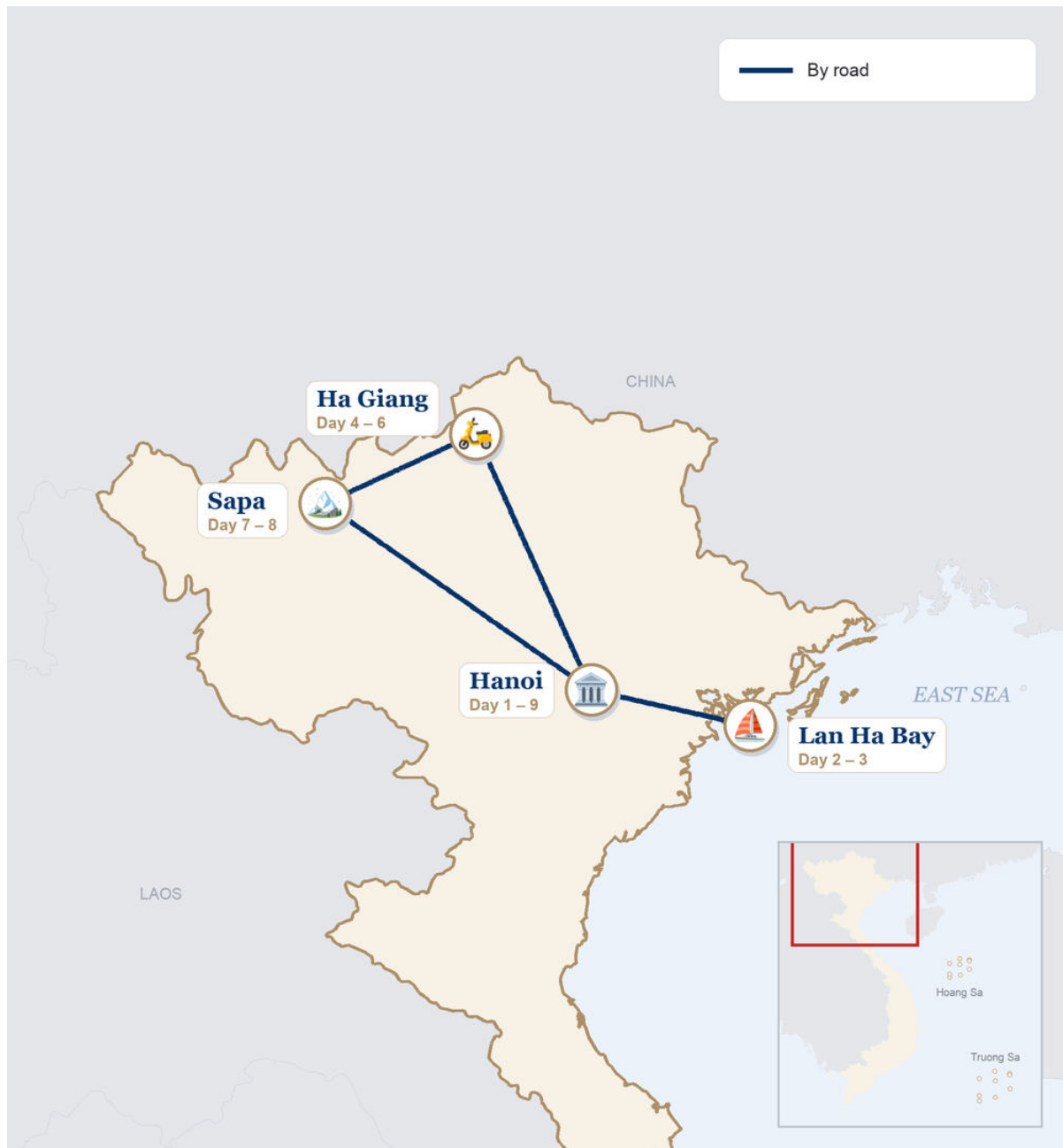
Tour highlights

- ✓ **Ha Long Bay cruise** – a night on La SEN of the Bay Cruise with kayaking, a sunset party and Dark & Bright Cave.
- ✓ **Ha Giang Loop** – three days by motorbike or jeep over mountain passes, through ethnic villages and along the Nho Que River.
- ✓ **Homestay nights** – sleep in local homestays in the heart of the loop.
- ✓ **Fansipan Peak** – ride up to the Roof of Indochina above Sapa.
- ✓ **Cat Cat Village** – walk through a H'Mong village at the foot of Fansipan.
- ✓ **Lao Chai – Ta Van trek** – hike between rice terraces and hill-tribe villages.



YOUR ROUTE

Route Map





DAY BY DAY

Itinerary at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Guide	Overnight	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival & Free Time	Guide pickup	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	—
Day 2	Ha Long Bay: Overnight Cruise on La SEN of the Bay	Shared guide	La SEN of the Bay Cruise Lan Ha Bay	B, L, D
Day 3	Ha Long Bay Sunrise, Return to Hanoi & Night Bus to Ha Giang	Shared guide	Overnight sleeper bus	B, L
Day 4	Ha Giang Loop Begins by Motorbike or Jeep	Full day guide	Local homestay Yen Minh	L
Day 5	Ha Giang Loop: Mountain Passes & Ethnic Villages	Full day guide	Local homestay Dong Van	B, L
Day 6	Ha Giang Loop: Nho Que River & Night Bus to Sapa	Full day guide	Overnight sleeper bus	B, L
Day 7	Sapa Arrival: Fansipan Peak & Cat Cat Village	Full day guide	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa Sapa	L
Day 8	Lao Chai – Ta Van Trek & Return to Hanoi	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 9	Hanoi Departure	Guide dropoff	—	B

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

**DAY 1 HANOI****Hanoi Arrival & Free Time**

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | **Meals:** Lunch and dinner on your own | **Guide:** Guide pickup

**On arrival**

Welcome to Vietnam. Your HYNA guide and driver wait for you in the arrival hall of Noi Bai International Airport with a name sign and take you by private car to your hotel in Hanoi, the hum of motorbikes drifting in through the window.

Evening

Check in and rest after the flight. When you feel ready, wander down to **Hoan Kiem Lake**, where locals stroll beneath the willows, and let the narrow lanes of the **Old Quarter** pull you in – or simply stay in and recharge.

**DAY 2** HANOI – HA LONG BAY**Ha Long Bay: Overnight Cruise on La SEN of the Bay****Overnight:** La SEN of the Bay Cruise, Lan Ha Bay | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | **Guide:** Shared guide**Morning**

Your driver meets you at your hotel in Hanoi around 8:00 AM, for the drive of about 2.5 hours to Ha Long, with a short rest stop, as the city gives way to rice fields. Late in the morning you check in at **Tuan Chau Marina** and ride the tender out to **La SEN of the Bay Cruise**. A welcome drink is waiting, the crew say hello and the cruise guide gives a short safety briefing.

Midday

Lunch is served on board around 1:00 PM – Vietnamese dishes and fresh seafood – as the boat slides past the **Con Vit** islets and the first limestone towers rise straight out of the green water.

Afternoon

The cruise reaches **Ong Cam**, a quiet corner of **Lan Ha Bay** ringed by karst walls, where you hear little but birdsong and lapping water. Paddle a kayak between the islets, or slip into the clear water for a swim.

Evening

Back on board, the anchor drops for the night. Pick up a few tricks at the cooking demonstration, then climb to the sundeck for the sunset party with local wine and fresh fruit while the peaks turn gold, then violet. After dinner in the restaurant, try squid fishing or settle in at the bar.

**DAY 3** HA LONG BAY – HANOI**Ha Long Bay Sunrise, Return to Hanoi & Night Bus to Ha Giang****Overnight:** Overnight sleeper bus**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Shared guide

- Early morning** Wake early to watch the sun come up over the bay as mist lifts off the peaks, with coffee, tea and a light breakfast. Then board a local rowing boat for **Dark & Bright Cave**, the oars dipping in a slow, steady rhythm as you glide beneath the rock into a still lagoon.
- Morning** Back on the cruise, relax and check out. Brunch is served around 10:00 AM while the boat sails slowly towards the marina and the karsts drift past one last time.
- Afternoon** Around midday the tender brings you ashore at **Tuan Chau Marina**, where your driver is waiting for the ride back to Hanoi. You arrive in the middle of the afternoon, and the rest of the day is yours to spend in the **Old Quarter**, with dinner on your own – a steaming bowl of noodles, a coffee on a low plastic stool.
- Overnight** Your guide sees you off on the overnight sleeper bus to Ha Giang, which departs around 9:00 PM. Stretch out in your berth for the journey of about 6–7 hours to the far north of Vietnam, where the mountains are waiting.

**DAY 4** HA GIANG

Ha Giang Loop Begins by Motorbike or Jeep

Overnight: Local homestay, Yen Minh
guide

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

Guide: Full day



Early morning The sleeper bus pulls into Ha Giang in the small hours. Your guide meets you there, and you have time to rest, freshen up and find breakfast in town before the loop begins.

Morning Around 8:00 AM you set off on the **Ha Giang Loop** – riding pillion behind an experienced easy rider, or by jeep or car if you prefer four wheels.

The road climbs over **Bac Sum Pass**, the air growing cooler with every bend.

At **Quan Ba Heaven Gate** the land suddenly opens: far below lies the Tam Son valley, with the famous **Twin Mountains** rising softly out of the rice fields.

Midday Lunch around midday at a local restaurant in Quan Ba, your first taste of the food of the northern highlands.

Afternoon Winding roads lead on through pine forests and karst valleys to **Yen Minh**, with stops at viewpoints where the ridges fold one behind another into the distance.

Evening You reach your local homestay in Yen Minh by about 4:30 PM. Dinner is at your own arrangement, followed by a quiet night in the mountains.



DAY 5 HA GIANG

Ha Giang Loop: Mountain Passes & Ethnic Villages

Overnight: Local homestay, Dong Van

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own

Guide: Full day guide



Morning

After breakfast at the homestay you are back on the road around 8:00 AM, climbing onto the **Dong Van Karst Plateau**, a UNESCO Global Geopark of grey stone and steep slopes.

Below you, the hairpin bends of **Tham Ma Pass** coil down the hillside – one of the most photographed roads of the whole loop.

Further on, stop in **Lung Cam**, a H'Mong village in the Sung La valley where earthen houses, stone fences and small cornfields sit between the mountains, and see how local families live and farm.

Midday

Lunch around midday at a local restaurant in Dong Van.

Afternoon

The road runs north to **Lo Lo Chai**, home of the Lo Lo people. Their yellow clay houses glow warmly against the green hills, and the village is known for its colourful traditional costumes, stitched in bold bands of pattern.

Evening

You reach your homestay in Dong Van by about 5:00 PM. Spend the evening at your own pace in the old town, where the day ends slowly and the mountain air turns crisp.



DAY 6 HA GIANG – SAPA

Ha Giang Loop: Nho Que River & Night Bus to Sapa

Overnight: Overnight sleeper bus

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own

Guide: Full day guide



Morning

You leave **Dong Van** after an early breakfast, around 7:30 AM, for the most dramatic stretch of the loop.

The road clings to the cliffs of **Ma Pi Leng Pass**, one of Vietnam's great mountain passes, while far below the **Nho Que River** threads through the gorge like an emerald ribbon.

Head down to the boat pier by the river and take a boat into **Tu San Canyon**, where sheer limestone walls close in on both sides and the engine's hum echoes off the rock.

Midday

Lunch around 11:30 AM at a local restaurant in **Meo Vac**.

Afternoon

The long ride back through **Yen Minh** towards Ha Giang town takes most of the afternoon, with short stops for photos as the valleys you crossed two days earlier appear in a new light. You reach town at about 5:00 PM, with time to freshen up and have dinner at your own arrangement.

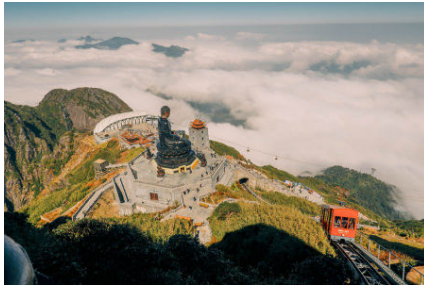
Overnight

Your guide sees you off on the overnight sleeper bus to Sapa, which departs around 7:30 PM and winds through the mountains for about 7 hours.

**DAY 7 SAPA****Sapa Arrival: Fansipan Peak & Cat Cat Village**

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

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



Early morning The sleeper bus reaches Sapa in the small hours. Your guide meets you on arrival and takes you straight to your hotel, where you can sleep for a few more hours before a late breakfast.

Morning Around 9:00 AM you board the **Muong Hoa** Mountain Train, rolling down the valley to the cable car station.

From there the cable car lifts you over ridges and forest to **Fansipan**, at 3,143 m the Roof of Indochina. The Hoang Lien Son range spreads out in every direction as you climb the stone steps past pagodas and the Great Buddha statue, incense drifting on the cool air, all the way to the summit marker.

Midday A buffet lunch at Fansipan around 12:30 PM, then the cable car and train carry you back down to Sapa.

Afternoon In the afternoon, walk through **Cat Cat**, a Black H'Mong village at the foot of the mountains. The path winds past wooden houses, terraced rice fields and handicraft workshops to the rush of the Cat Cat waterfall, and along the way you learn about the daily life of the community. You are back at your hotel by about 5:00 PM to rest after the night on the road.



DAY 8 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**

After breakfast and check-out, your guide and driver collect you around 8:30 AM and take you to the start of the trek in the **Muong Hoa** valley.

For about 8–9 km you follow village paths between the rice terraces, from the Black H'Mong village of **Lao Chai** down to **Ta Van**, home of the Giay people. Bamboo groves rustle beside the trail, small farms dot the slopes, and the Muong Hoa stream runs below you, catching the light.

Midday

Lunch around 12:30 PM at a local restaurant in Ta Van village, a well-earned rest after the walk.

Afternoon

Your driver picks you up in Ta Van for the drive back to Hanoi, about 5.5–6 hours on the expressway with a rest stop on the way, the mountains gradually flattening into the green plains of the Red River Delta.

Evening

You are back at your hotel in Hanoi by about 7:30 PM. Dinner is at your own arrangement.



DAY 9 DEPARTURE

Hanoi Departure

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



Morning

Take your time over breakfast and enjoy a little free time, perhaps a last Vietnamese coffee, depending on your flight schedule.

Departure

Your HYNA guide accompanies you by private car to Noi Bai International Airport for your flight home. Thank you for travelling with HYNA – we hope the mountains, the bay and the people you met 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
Hanoi	1	Tirant Hotel or similar
Lan Ha Bay	1	La SEN of the Bay Cruise or similar
Ha Giang	2	Local homestay
Sapa	1	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa Sapa or similar
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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