

6 DAYS HANOI & HALONG BAY

Prepared specially for

SEA Small Group Departure (2-7 Apr, 2018)



Tour Price:

Twin Sharing From: **RMB 12,280/** person

Single Supplement: **RMB 3,600/** person

Travel Date:

02-07 Apr, 2018

Registration Closing Date:

02 Mar, 2018 or when tour is fully subscribed

Deposit Amount:

RMB 8,000/- per person

Early Bird Promotion:

RMB 300/ person discount if book with deposit by **02 Jan,2018**

Highlights:

- 2D1N Cruise to UNESCO world heritage site Halong Bay and enjoy scenic ocean karst topography
- Excursion to Tam Coc --"Halong Bay on land"
- Try local food and experience different culture
- Direct flight from Shanghai
- Small group size of maximum 16 persons

ITINERARY SUMMARY



Refined and delicately beautiful, urban Hanoi retains its strong French colonial flavor and colorful Chinese temples and houses. The lovely lake and tree-lined boulevards are a great contrast with the labyrinth of alleys in Old Hanoi.

The city is also seeing a renaissance in art and a burgeoning scene of trendy, up-market boutiques, chic restaurants and cappuccino bars. This short trip attempts to showcase the city through its unique cuisine and visits to the city's most exciting galleries.



DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 01
2Apr/Mon

SHANGHAI / HANOI

Fly Shanghai Pudong/Hanoi VN531 1525/1810 (3hr 45min)

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel De L'opera Hanoi

Meals: Dinner included

DAY 02
3Apr/Tue

HANOI

Morning City Tour

Good morning Hanoi! After breakfast, you enjoy a stroll along the beautiful **Hoan Kiem Lake** and see the locals doing their morning tai chi and aerobics before you visit **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (open in the morning only and closed Mondays and Fridays), **his Former Residence** and **Temple of Literature** - the first University and the capital of Vietnam about 1000 years ago.

Enjoy **lunch at Koto restaurant** where you can enjoy Vietnamese and European cuisine for a good cause. The staffs are mostly former street kids and disadvantaged youth who are given the opportunity to become chefs and service staff.

In the afternoon, take a **breezy cyclo ride** through the Old Quarter's 36 streets, a place where Hanoians buy everything from noodles to light fixtures to Buddha statues. The quarter's 36 streets were named for the products that were sold from their shops. Today, vendors on Tin and Bamboo Streets still sell the same wares.

Then your guide will take you on a culinary adventure, sampling street food in the Old Quarter. It's a great opportunity to try all those weird and wonderful foods you see but just aren't sure what they are! Start your Hanoi Street Eats tour at Bia Hoi corner to try the local brew, a draft beer that traces its roots to Eastern Europe. Do as the locals do and pull up a stool and enjoy a drink while watching the world go by.

Continue through the old quarter's narrow streets as your guide points out a range of tasty noodles, breads and snacks. At night the sidewalks are packed with locals perched on stools, amongst sizzling woks and bubbling pots. These small pop up restaurants are a nightly feature that all but disappear during the day. Sit down and enjoy a flame grilled Vietnamese barbecue of beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables on skewers. End the night with dessert from Hanoi's best-known ice-cream parlour.

Please note: In case of rain, the itinerary may include a visit to a covered noodle stall.

Overnight: Hotel De L'opera Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch included



Hoan Kiem Lake

DAY 03
4Apr/Wed



Tam Coc

HANOI/HOA LU/NINH BINH

Full Day Excursion to Hoa Lu

Hoa Lu, situated 100 km south of Hanoi, was the capital city of Vietnam under the Dinh and Le Dynasties between 968 and 1009 AD. Some of the sanctuaries and tombs have survived the years and can still be seen today. The area is also one of an astounding natural beauty with limestone peaks whose splendor is often said to surpass that of Halong Bay. It is true that this area is often referred to as the Halong Bay on land.

Heading south for about 2 hours along Highway One to Hoa Lu, you will visit **the Dinh and Le sanctuaries**

After lunch, move on to **Tam Coc** or Three Caves in Vietnamese, an area of natural beauty that is often referred to as Halong Bay on land. Board a small boat and meander lazily down the river to the ancient caves. See limestone karsts jutting skywards out of electric green rice paddies - you won't be able to stop taking photos!

Then visit **Bich Dong Pagoda** before making your way to your hotel.

Overnight: Emerald Resort Ninh Binh
Meals: Breakfast / Lunch/dinner included

DAY 04
5Apr/Thu



Halong Bay

NINH BINH / HALONG BAY

Drive to the coastal port of Halong to explore the amazing natural wonder of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. *(5-6 hours depends on traffic)*

Leave the noise of the city behind as you board your traditional junk boat and set sail through UNESCO World Heritage Halong Bay. Admire the endless islands and jungle-clad limestone pillars as you sit down to a delicious lunch and a cruise briefing. Pass by the distinctive formations of Chicken Rock, Finger Islet and Frog Islet on your way to South East Halong Bay.

In the afternoon, visit the aptly named 'Surprise Cave' and admire the stunning stalagmites and stalactites. There is plenty of time to relax on the junk's sun deck, take advantage of the Spa services and sip a cocktail or two, before a cooking demonstration in the evening. Learn to create traditional Vietnamese dishes with the boat's own chef and try more delicacies at dinner. Later, take the opportunity to try your hand at squid fishing before the day is done!

Overnight: Bhaya Classic boat
Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner included

DAY 05
6Apr/Fri

HALONG BAY / HANOI

Wake early to start your day with Tai Chi on the sundeck, as the sun rises over the bay. After a light breakfast, visit Bright and Dark Cave by rowing boat or in a kayak. Enjoy a final extravagant brunch before sailing back to the harbour, where you will continue to Hanoi.

Overnight: Bhaya Classic boat
Meals: Breakfast / Lunch/ dinner included

DAY 06
7Apr/Sat

HANOI/SHANGHAI

Transfer to the Hanoi airport for your flight.

Fly Hanoi/Shanghai Pudong VN530 1020/1415 (2hr 45min)

Meals: Breakfast included

QUOTATION

PRICES PER PERSON:

- This trip requires minimum 6 passengers to run

| Hotel Selected | Adult on twin sharing Per Person Price | Single Supplement Per Person Price |
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| For group of 6-9 people - Hanoi: Hotel De L'Opera (Deluxe) - Ninh Binh: Emerald Resort (Superior) - Halong Bay: Bhaya Classic | RMB 13,380/- | RMB3,600/- |
| For group of 10-16 people - Hanoi: Hotel De L'Opera (Deluxe) - Ninh Binh: Emerald Resort (Superior) - Halong Bay: Bhaya Classic | RMB 12,280/- | RMB3,600/- |
| Air fare (Shanghai to Hanoi to Shanghai) | Per Person Price | |
| Economy class (L Class) | RMB 3,010 + TAX (RMB 890) | |
| Economy class (S Class) | RMB 3,510 + TAX (RMB 890) | |
| Economy class (Y Class) | RMB 4,510 + TAX (RMB 890) | |

Notes:

*Flight schedule is subject to change when making actual booking

*Reservation closing date: **02 Mar, 2018** or when availability is sold out.

*Early Bird discount of **RMB 300/- per adult** if book with deposit by **02 Jan, 2018**

*Deposit: **RMB 8,000/-** per person

COST INCLUDES:

- Airfare: Shanghai / Hanoi/ Shanghai including airport taxes. (Separated quote)
- Accommodation as stated on twin or double sharing basis.
- Tours and transfers with a private English speaking guide in private air-con vehicle
- All entrance fees as stated.
- Meals as stated
- Local street food tour fees

COST EXCLUDES:

- Visa (if required).
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages in the restaurants where meals are included.
- Gratuities to guide and driver.
- Personal and other expenses such as bar bills and laundry not stated in the itinerary.

HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

HANOI



Hotel De L'Opera Hanoi

In the heart of ancient Hanoi, this boutique hotel reinvented the Bohemian glamour of the Belle Époque era with a 21st Century twist.

<http://www.hoteldelopera.com/>

NINH BINH



Emeralda Resort Ninh Binh

Styled with traditional Vietnamese elements, wedded to cutting edge enhancements and guest comforts - the eco-friendly resort offers 172 villa-style accommodation amidst a charming rural setting. Relax and enjoy a spa in this relaxing setting, 2hours drive from Hanoi.

www.emeraldaresort.com

HA LONG



Private Bhaya Halong 2D1N

Bhaya Cruises, combining traditional oriental style with contemporary luxury facilities, excellent service and world class cuisine, provides guests with an unparalleled Halong Bay cruise experience.

<http://www.bhayacruises.com/halong-private-cruises/bhaya-legend-overview.html>

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