



GLIMPSE OF NORTHERN VIETNAM

8 days 7 night

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Group Tour

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Trip Overview

Experience the soul of northern Vietnam on an eight-day journey crafted for mindful travelers. Begin in historic Hanoi, wandering ancient alleys, discovering iconic heritage, and enjoying a classic water puppet show. From the capital, journey into the lush valleys of Pu Luong Nature Reserve for two days of scenic trekking through terraced fields and peaceful White Thai villages, staying at an ecolodge nestled in nature.

Conclude your adventure on the emerald waters of Lan Ha Bay—a serene alternative to Halong Bay. Sail past dramatic karst formations on a boutique overnight cruise, enjoying kayaking, cave exploration, and dinner under the stars before returning to Hanoi.

★ Why You Will Love This Trip

- Hanoi Cultural Heritage: Explore the iconic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Temple of Literature, Old Quarter, and enjoy a traditional water puppet show.
- Pu Luong Nature Reserve: Trek through terraced rice fields and ethnic White Thai villages, with a 2-night stay at a scenic ecolodge.
- Lan Ha Bay Cruise: Sail the quiet, karst-filled waters with kayaking, cave visits, and al fresco dining under the stars.
- Viet Hai Village: Cycle through a secluded farming community nestled inside Cat Ba National Park.

 Brief Itinerary

DAY	DATE	ITINERARY OVERVIEW	MEALS
Day 1	Sun, Nov 29, 26	Flight Nha Trang - Hanoi	N/A
Day 2	Mon, Nov 30, 26	Hanoi Culture, History and Hidden Corners	B,L
Day 3	Tue, Dec 1, 26	Hanoi - Mai Chau - Pu Luong	B,L,D
Day 4	Wed, Dec 2, 26	Pu Luong Trekking	B,L,D
Day 5	Thu, Dec 3, 26	Pu Luong - Pho Doan - Hanoi	B,L
Day 6	Fri, Dec 4, 26	Hanoi - Lan Ha Bay Cruise	B,L,D
Day 7	Sat, Dec 5, 26	Lan Ha Bay, Cat Ba Island - Hanoi	B,L,D
Day 8	Sun, Dec 6, 26	Departure from Hanoi	B

 Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 • Sun, Nov 29, 26 • Flight Nha Trang - Hanoi

 N/A

Driver pick-up at hotel and transfer to airport for your flight to Hanoi.

Flight VNI560 17.35 - 19.35

On arrival Hanoi, driver pick-up at airport and transfer to hotel. Free at leisure after a long transfer day.

Included: Airport transfer · Hotel accommodation based on Double/Twin share.

Day 2 • Mon, Nov 30, 26 • Hanoi Culture, History and Hidden Corners

 B,L

07:15 – 07:45 Meet your driver and guide at your hotel lobby to begin your exploration of Hanoi.

08:00 Explore the local market and learn about Vietnamese culture by observing the daily lives of local people.

08:30 Visit a Hanoi icon in all senses: the Long Bien Bridge, formerly known as the Paul Doumer Bridge, was one of the greatest engineering accomplishments of the French colony and a showpiece of colonial infrastructure. In the Vietnam War, it became a symbol of Hanoi’s resistance to relentless US bombing.

10:00 Arrive at the Thang Long Imperial Citadel. Explore the massive complex of architectural works that were built during the many reigns of Vietnamese Emperors.

12:00 – 13:30 Enjoy a special lunch with local cuisine featuring the yin-yang balance of Asian culture.

14:00 Discover Vietnam’s first national university, founded in the 11th century. Dedicated to Confucius, this serene architectural site offers a glimpse into the country’s rich scholarly heritage and feudal traditions.

15:30 – 16:30 Come to visit the Vietnamese Women’s Museum, one of the best museums in Hanoi, which chronicles the

history, culture, and contributions of Vietnamese women in society throughout the country's history.

17:00 – 17:30 Relax on a traditional cyclo ride through the energetic streets of the Old Quarter. Back to your hotel.

Included: A/C vehicle & Tour guide shared group · Entrance fees · Meals: B, L · Hotel accommodation based on Double/Twin share.

Day 3 • Tue, Dec 1, 26 • Hanoi – Mai Chau – Pu Luong

 B,L,D

07:15 – 07:45 | Morning Pickup : Meet your driver and guide at your hotel or private residence in Hanoi as you embark on the scenic journey toward Mai Chau.

09:30 – 10:00 | Thung Khe Pass Photo Stop : Arrive at Thung Khe Pass—renowned as one of Vietnam’s ten most breathtaking mountain passes—for sweeping views of the valley below and dramatic limestone landscapes.

11:00 – 11:30 | Local Regional Lunch: Savor an authentic lunch featuring local specialties, thoughtfully prepared in harmony with the traditional Asian philosophy of yin-yang balance.

13:30 – 14:00 | Countryside Cycling Adventure: Hop on a bicycle for a curated ride through verdant rice fields and towering karst mountains. Weave past local farmers in the fields and explore peaceful White Thai hamlets including Pom Coong, Lac, and Nhot villages.

15:30 | Cultural Visit: Traditional Thai Craftsmanship: Visit the home of Mrs. Mang, a revered local artisan who has dedicated her life to preserving traditional Thai embroidery and hand-weaving. Learn about her intricate techniques and discover delicate, hand-crafted textiles featuring classic mountain motifs.

16:00 | Journey to Pu Luong Nature Reserve: Depart for Pu Luong via a scenic one-hour drive along winding countryside roads framed by cascading terraced rice fields.

17:00 | Check-in & Evening Leisure: Arrive at your accommodation to check in and unwind. Enjoy a delightful dinner of Vietnamese cuisine before settling in for a peaceful night in the highlands.

Included: A/C vehicle & Tour guide shared group · Entrance fees · Meals: B, L,D · Hotel accommodation based on Double/Twin shared.

Day 4 • Wed, Dec 2, 26 • Pu Luong Trekking

 B,L,D

07:00 – 08:00 | Highland Breakfast : Start your morning with a nourishing breakfast surrounded by the peaceful atmosphere of Pu Luong.

09:00 – 12:00 | Journey into Kho Muong & Doi Cave: Follow tranquil, winding paths to Kho Muong, a remote village tucked away in Pu Luong’s most breathtaking valley. Take an easy stroll to connect with local life before venturing into Doi Cave (Bat Cave)—the largest cavern in the reserve. Formed over 250 million years, this natural marvel features dramatic limestone formations and intricate stalactites carved by time.

12:00 – 14:00 | Authentic Local Lunch: Savor a fresh, delicious lunch featuring regional specialties prepared with organic ingredients sourced directly from local ethnic minority communities.

14:30 – 17:00 | Panoramic Views, Lan Village & Brocade Weaving: Embark on a gentle trek toward Uoi Village, nestled at

the base of soaring mountains. As you walk along lush, green paths, pause to capture spectacular high-angle views of the valley below. Continue downhill into Lan Village, where—time permitting—you will visit a local family to observe the delicate art of traditional handloom brocade weaving. Afterwards, enjoy a comfortable transfer back to your retreat.

17:00 | Sunset & Relaxation : Arrive back at your retreat to unwind. Take a refreshing dip in the infinity pool overlooking the mountains or simply soak in the serene surroundings.

18:30 – 19:00 Onward | Dinner & Peaceful Evening

Included: A/C vehicle & Tour guide shared group · Entrance fees · Meals: B, L,D · Hotel accommodation based on Double/Twin shared.

Day 5 • Thu, Dec 3, 26 • Pu Luong – Pho Doan – Hanoi

📹 B,L

07:00 – 08:00 | Breakfast & Check-out: Enjoy a final morning breakfast surrounded by nature, then check out and prepare for the day's journey.

08:00 – 09:30 | Discover Pho Doan Ethnic Market (Operates Tue, Thu & Sun) Board your transfer to Pho Doan Market, a colorful bustling hub where the Kinh, Muong, and Thai ethnic communities gather. Locals from across Ba Thuoc, Tan Lac, and Lac Son travel here to trade handcrafted goods, fresh produce, and traditional items—offering a lively, authentic glimpse into mountain life.

09:30 – 12:00 | Scenic Countryside Cycling to Hieu Waterfall Hop on a bicycle and set off along peaceful country paths and jungle trails. Ride past sweeping rice terraces toward Hieu Waterfall, widely celebrated as one of the most picturesque natural cascades in Pu Luong.

12:00 – 13:30 | Authentic Local Lunch: Refuel with a delicious lunch featuring fresh local specialties served near the waterfall.

14:00 – 18:30 | Bamboo Water Wheels & Scenic Journey to Hanoi: Say goodbye to Pu Luong as you begin your return journey to Hanoi. En route, stop to marvel at the ingenious bamboo water wheels—an ancient engineering feat used by local farmers to lift river water into hillside aqueducts. Get up close to see these giant wooden structures in motion before continuing your drive.

18:30 – 19:00 | Return to Hanoi: Arrive back in Hanoi, where our driver will drop you off directly at your hotel or private residence.

Included: A/C vehicle & Tour guide shared group · Entrance fees · Meals: B, L · Hotel accommodation based on Double/Twin shared.

Day 6 • Fri, Dec 4, 26 • Hanoi – Lan Ha Bay Cruise

📹 B,L,D

This is the day the tour changes register. Trading road for water, you depart Hanoi this morning for Halong City, where a speedboat transfer brings you to your floating home for the night, a beautifully appointed boutique cruise ship anchored in the heart of Lan Ha Bay. Quieter and less trafficked than the main Halong corridor, Lan Ha Bay offers the same dramatic karst geology, the same emerald waters, and far fewer boats.

After settling into your private en-suite cabin, lunch is served on board as the ship glides past forested islets, floating villages, and towering limestone formations. The afternoon brings a cycling excursion to Viet Hai Village, a secluded

community tucked inside Cat Ba National Park, where you pedal through forest trails past fishponds, organic gardens, and traditional homes.

Back on board, the evening unfolds at its own pace. An interactive cooking class led by the ship's chef is followed by dinner served al fresco on the sundeck, with regional cuisine, the sounds of the bay, and a sky full of stars.

Included: Shared shuttle transfer · Cruise guide · All onboard activities · Meals: B, L, D · En-suite cabin

Day 7 • Sat, Dec 5, 26 • Lan Ha Bay, Cat Ba Island – Hanoi

 B, L, D

Wake early to the gentle light spreading over the bay and join a Tai Chi session on the sundeck — a quiet way to greet the morning before the day begins.

After a light breakfast, board a bamboo boat or kayak to explore Dark and Bright Cave, a hidden grotto where still waters and towering limestone walls create a world of their own. Back on board, a full breakfast is served as the cruise makes its way back toward the harbor. Once ashore, a shared transfer brings you back to Hanoi, arriving in the late afternoon.

17.00 – 17.30: pick-up at your hotel and start your Hanoi evening food tour with Vintage Motorbike (Minsk Motorbike). Hanoi unfolds slowly, and every ride feels different. The tour includes three parts, depending on the time of your tour and the season of the year, the order of activities will be arranged to best suit the schedule and highlight the most memorable experiences.

1. Backstreets of Hanoi (1.5 hrs)

Ride a vintage motorbike through hidden alleys and local markets few tourists ever see. Meet street vendors, artisans, families, and students in their daily life, passing small temples, markets, and quiet cafés along the way.

2. Iconic Landmarks (1.5 hrs)

Cruise through the Old Quarter and French Quarter, feeling the blend of old-world charm and modern Hanoi. Stop for photos at Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, West Lake, Truc Bach Lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda, the French Quarter, and Long Bien Bridge. End at the famous Train Street, sipping coffee as the train passes just inches away.

3. A Taste of Hanoi (1 hr)

No voyage through Hanoi is complete without honoring its culinary heritage.

The Art of the Plate: Every dish served is a balance of health and heritage, utilizing organic ingredients to showcase the soul of Northern Vietnamese cooking.

- Signature Flavors: * Phở Cuốn: Delicate fresh spring rolls, a refined Hanoi specialty.
- Banh Mi: The iconic marriage of French tradition and Vietnamese spice.
- Egg Coffee: A creamy, decadent Hanoi original that tastes of liquid gold.
- Bia Hoi: A refreshing sip of "Fresh Beer," the social lubricant of the city's street culture.
- Traditional Spirits: For those seeking a bold finish, sample the local Moonshine (Rice Wine)—a spirited traditional toast to a day well-traveled.

Included: Tai Chi · Cave excursion · Shared cruise transfer · Minsk motorbike with driver · Meals: B, brunch, D · Hotel accommodation

Day 8 • Sun, Dec 6, 26 • Departure from Hanoi

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Your journey through northern Vietnam comes to a close today. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before a final

stroll through Hanoi's morning streets — the flower vendors setting up along the lake, the smell of pho drifting from corner kitchens, the city already in motion long before the rest of the world wakes up.

At the arranged time, your private driver will take you to Noi Bai International Airport. Safe travels.

Included: Private A/C vehicle · Meal: B

 Accommodation

DESTINATION	HOTEL / RESORT	RATING	ROOM TYPE	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NIGHTS
Hanoi	The Q Hotel/Equivalent	Boutique	Deluxe	Sun, Nov 29, 26	Tue, Dec 1, 26	2
Pu Luong	Pu Luong Retreat/Equivalent	Lodge	Deluxe	Tue, Dec 1, 26	Thu, Dec 3, 26	2
Hanoi	The Q Hotel/Equivalent	Boutique	Deluxe	Thu, Dec 3, 26	Fri, Dec 4, 26	1
Ha Long	Cozy Boutique Cruise/Equivalent	Boutique	Deluxe	Fri, Dec 4, 26	Sat, Dec 5, 26	1
Hnoi	The Q Boutique	Boutique	Deluxe	Sat, Dec 5, 26	Sun, Dec 6, 26	1

 Trip Quotation

GROUP SIZE	PRICE PER PERSON	TOTAL PRICE
Small Group – Minimum departure 2 pax	1197 USD	0

Optional: Single Supplement
Extra Charge: 397 USD

 Inclusion & Exclusion

 INCLUSIONS

- Shared group air-conditioned vehicle throughout
- Flight Nha Trang – Hanoi
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per program based on double/twin shared
- Meals as mentioned (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Entrance fees to attractions listed
- Bottled water during tours
- Local Travel Insurance

 EXCLUSIONS

- International & domestic flights
- International Travel insurance
- Personal expenses & tips
- Visa fees
- Early check-in / late check-out

Terms & Conditions

RESERVATION

- First Payment (Deposit): 30% of the total tour cost upon booking confirmation..
- Second Payment: 40% of the total tour cost at least 30 days prior to arrival.
- Final Payment: Remaining 30% of the total tour cost at least 15 days prior to arrival.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- More than 30 days prior to arrival: If you decide to cancel your booking more than 30 days before arrival, your deposit is refundable minus:
 1. Any non-refundable expenses already committed to third-party suppliers (e.g., flight/train tickets, cruise deposits, peak-season hotel guarantees).
 2. Applicable banking, credit card processing, or currency exchange fees.
 3. Administrative fees: 5% on the total tour cost will be charged
- 29 to 15 days prior to arrival date: 50% of the total tour cost will be charged
- 14 – 8 days prior to arrival date: 75% of the total tour cost will be charged
- 7 days or less prior to arrival date: 100% of the total tour cost will be charged

CLAIM

- All disputes, claims and litigation regarding the Services shall first be settled by way of negotiation and mutual understanding. In the event such negotiation and mutual understanding would fail, the disputes, claim or litigation shall be finally settled by local arbitration in Vietnam. All claims must be submitted in writing within 30 days after the end of the Services.

DISCLAIMER

- In case of sudden price increases or surcharges levied by suppliers such as, but not limited to, fuel surcharges, government tax increases or other unforeseen price increases, Ginkgo Voyage reserves the right to alter the price quoted in this document before first deposit are made.
- Ginkgo Voyage also reserves the right to change any arrangement (including tours, programs, prices and services) in the best interest of its Client, with or without prior notice.

♥ A Message from our team

"Thank you for taking the time to explore this journey with us.

At Ginkgo Voyage, we believe that travel is not just about destinations, but about the stories, connections, and moments that stay with you long after the journey ends. Every itinerary we design is carefully curated with attention to detail, local insight, and a genuine passion for creating meaningful experiences with a True Sense of Services.

We hope this proposal reflects not only your travel aspirations, but also the way we care for each journey we craft. We would be delighted to accompany you on this experience."

Warm regards,

Ginkgo Voyage Team

