

## HANOI PRIVATE TOURS

Valid Till 31 Dec 2018

### CYCLO TOUR, FOOD STREET WALKING, WATER PP SHOW + NIGHT MARKET

OPHA-01

14:00 Meets and transfers to Hanoi down town, Embark the *Electric-cap* or *Pedi-cap* to visit *the Hanoi Old Quarter*, the most crowded and busiest area in Hanoi. This trip brings you an unforgettable memory with great discovery of this ancient capital.

15:30 *Strolling around the Hanoi food street*, treat yourself a coffee or a local beer at a traditional house in the old street for a panoramic view of the famous Hoan Kiem Lake or free shopping in these old quarters.

Wondering through these food streets bring you a great feeling of our Vietnamese cuisine and easy for you to chose one of the most typical Vietnamese dishes for your own dinner

17:00 Enjoy an evening performance by *Vietnam 's famous water puppets*, a traditional and unique art of Vietnam. This performance lasts for 45-minutes, lively illustrating Vietnamese pastoral sconces, rural daily life as well as fairy legends.

Discover and free shop at “ *Hanoi night market* “ which is **only held in weekend** from 19:00 to 23:00 hours, just outside Dong Xuan market and on the most famous old street of Hanoi – Hang Dao street. You can find here plenty of new design clothing, handbags, wallets, pillows and other souvenir at reasonable price.

If it is on weekday, we will shop around the Old Quarter & down town in which many shops too

21:00 Return to hotel.

### HALF DAY HANOI CITY TOUR (AM or PM)

OPHA-02

08:30 Our guide & driver drive you to visit Ho Chi Minh Complex including: The *Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum*, *The Ba Dinh Square*, *the One Pillar Pagoda*, and *House on stilt*. Visiting this site, you will understand more about the life of President Ho, a great leader, Hero of national liberation and a great man of world culture.

Then proceed to visit the *Temple of literature*, the first university of Vietnam, built in 1070 by Emperor Ly accomplishment. The temple constitutes a rare example of well-

Thanh Tong, who dedicated it to Confucius in order to honor scholars and men of literary preserved traditional Vietnamese architecture.

12:00 Return to hotel then.

#### HALF DAY VAN PHUC SILK & BAT TRANG CERAMIC VILLAGES

OPHA-03

08:00 Transfer to visit *Van Phuc silk village*, 8 km south-west of Hanoi in Ha Tay province. Van Phuc was renowned for its silk wearing tradition during the Vietnamese dynasties. You can see silk cloth being produced on a loom. Many of the fine silk items on sale in Hanoi streets originate here.

10:00 Continue to *Bat Trang*, a handicraft village renowned for its hand-made ceramics and pottery kilns for almost 500 years.

You can also try shaping clay or painting in some raw items. Rest of the time is for visiting around and *shopping*. Then return to Hanoi

#### FULL DAY HANOI CITY TOUR with lunch

OPHA-04

08:30 Our guide meets and drives to visit *Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, The Ba Dinh Square, the One Pillar Pagoda & House on stilts*. Visiting this site, you will understand more about the life of President Ho, a great leader, Hero of national liberation and a great man of world culture.

Our next visit is *the Temple of literature*, the first university of Vietnam, built in 1070 by Emperor Ly accomplishment. The temple constitutes a rare example of well- Thanh Tong, who dedicated it to Confucius in order to honor scholars and men of literary preserved traditional Vietnamese architecture and is well worth a visit.

12:30 Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

14:00 Embark the *Electric-cap* to visit *the Hanoi Old Quarter*, the most crowded and busiest area in Hanoi. This trip brings you touring around of The *Ngoc Son temple & Hoan Kiem lake*, just to the south of the bustling Old Quarter streets, is an oasis of calm right in the city centre. This is an unforgettable memory with great discovery of this ancient capital.

Then our guide escort you to the *Hanoi old quarters* for your visiting and free shopping, covers an area of 100 ha, just north of the central Hoan Kiem Lake. The original 36 streets that make up the Old Quarter are named after the goods once sold there such as silk, paper, silver, copper, herbs, cotton, fish and chicken... Hanoi's Old Quarter bears not just the cultural values of the capital, but the historical. And then *strolling around*

*the Hanoi food street* brings you a great feeling of our Vietnamese cuisine. Treat yourself a coffee or a local beer at a traditional house in the old street for a panoramic view of the city. Wondering in the food streets, you can easily find the typical Vietnamese dishes such as Pho, Nem... for your dinner at your own account. Return to hotel around 18:00.

**FULL DAY THAY & TAY PHUONG, DUONG LAM with lunch**

**OPHA-05**

- 08:00 Meet & drive west of Hanoi to our first stop: *Thay Pagoda*, an ancient pagoda with remaining architecture since the 11th century.
- 10:00 Continue to our way for the second destination for today: *Tay Phuong pagoda* which is famous for its 76 statues of jack wood mark the great artistic value of the 18 century. The pagoda is surrounded by idyllically quaint villages in the Red River Delta.
- 10:30 Proceed to *Duong Lam village*, a purely agricultural village of the Northern Red River delta. This is a great chance to explore the architecture of *hundred-year-old houses* while wander along its narrow alleyways. It will be your unique experience as you walk along *tiny ancient alleys*, and most interesting of all, talk with locals living in the ancient houses to understand the daily life of residents.
- 12:00 Lunch is hosted by local residence in their ancient house.
- 13:30 After lunch, you also can rent the bike for visiting the village: *Mong Phu communal house*, a typical one of the Red River delta with ancient Vietnamese architecture.
- 16:00 Drive back to Hanoi. Trip is ended at your hotel after 1,5 hours driving.

**FULL DAY PERFUME PAGODA with lunch**

**OPHA-06**

- 08:00 Meet at your place in Hanoi and transfer to visit the famous Perfume pagoda. Built into the limestone cliffs of *Huong Tich Mountain* (Mountain of Fragrant Traces), the Perfume pagoda is an amazing complex of temple, Buddhist shrines, mountains, streams and grottoes...
- 09:30 Arrive at tourist pier. We start a nice sampan boat trip on the winding stream to get the Huong Tich Mountain.
- 10:30 Continue to climb up narrow steps to reach the Perfume Pagoda in the amazing *Huong Tich cave*. **We take the cable car for going down to the food of the mountain.**
- 13:30 Lunch at local restaurant.

14:30 Leisure cruise back to the pier then drive back to Hanoi. At 17:30, arrive your hotel in Hanoi.

**FULL DAY NINH BINH with lunch**

**OPHA-07**

08:00 Meet & transfer 100 km southward to Ninh Binh province, the land is known to travelers as Vietnam's "Inland Halong Bay".

10:00 We will take a *sampan boat trip* along the stream to access to *Tam Coc* - the caves adorned with beautiful stalagmites and stalactites.

12:30 Lunch at local restaurant

14:00 Continue to visit *Bich Dong pagoda*, the 15th century Pagoda complex sets on a limestone mountain three pagodas were built, the Lower, the Middle and the Upper pagoda. The area is very popular among French tourists since the filming of the movie "Indochine" here.

15:30 Return to Hanoi. Arrive your hotel after 2-hour drive.

**FULL DAY TRANG AN – BAI DINH PAGODA with lunch**

**OPHA-08**

08:30 Depart to visit *Trang An*, an amazing grottoes complex located just 4 km Southwest of Hoa Lu ancient capital. The *Trang An Grottoes* covers an area of 1,500 hectares including limestone ranges, valleys, caves and rivers. There is a system of unique grottoes like Ba Giot, Dia Linh, Toi Cave, Cave), Ao Trai Cave and Seo Cave. There are many valleys like Tran Temple valley, May valley, Khong Valley, Nau Ruou Valley...

12:00 Lunch at local restaurant.

13:30 Continue to visit *Bai Dinh pagoda*, which is in the northern province of Ninh Binh and famous for its great size and beautiful architecture, and also well-known for its record number of huge Buddha statues.

16:00 Transfer back to hotel in Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi after 2-hour drive.

**FULL DAY HOA LU – THUNG NHAM with lunch - NEW**

**OPHA-09**

08:00 Drive south of Hanoi, 110 km to *Ninh Binh province*, famous as the so-called "Dry - Halong bay".

10:30 Upon arrival, visit Hoa Lu ancient capital of Vietnam in Ninh Binh province, visitors in Vietnam tourism should take time to visit *Dinh and Le Temples* where Kings of Dinh and

Le Dynasties are worshiped. These two temples in the shape of Chinese character were built in 17th century.

- 12:30 Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- 14:00 Take a *boat trip* to visit the *Natural Thung Nham Bird Park*, surrounded by rock mountains and tropical forests. There are many small valleys, caves which leave travelers amazing opportunities enjoy wonderful view, explore the habitats of more than 40 different species of birds which get to more than 50.000 birds in total. Especially, when the sun goes down, thousands of storks flying home that make Thung Nham Bird Park to be a wonderful place. Then proceed to *Tam Coc*, which literally means **three caves**, is known to travelers as Vietnam's "Inland Halong Bay" with Limestone Mountains set amongst rice paddy fields, *take a bicycle* to visit around there.
- 16:00 Transfer back to Hanoi. Arrive at your hotel in Hanoi after 2-hour driving. End of tour.

#### FULL DAY THE WONDER OF HALONG BAY with lunch

OPHA-10

- 08:00 Our guide comes & departs for *Halong bay*, 165 km east of Hanoi, with 4-hour driving. You will have a deep experience about a nation whose 80 percent of population leaving on rice while moving through the countryside.
- 12:00 Upon arrival in Halong pier, embark our sailing boat and start for 04 hours cruising on the bay which will bring you an unforgettable memory.
- 13:00 Lunch is provided on board the boat while the boat passing by the most beautiful place of the bay with the famous islets such as *Stone Dog, Incense Burner, Fighting cock islet*, one of Ha Long symbol. You will be marveled by thousands of cave and islets. Boat brings you to visit *Thien Cung grotto* which is considered as the most beautiful sightseeing place of Halong Bay.
- 16:00 Disembark the boat and transfer back to Hanoi.
- 19:30 Arrive your hotel in Hanoi.

#### FULL DAY MAI CHAU with lunch

OPHA-11

- 07:30 Our guide meets & transfers 135 km North West to *Mai Chau*, a westernmost district of Hoa Binh province. It is home to several hill tribal groups. This enchanting destination offers a perfect opportunity to admire a stunning sunrise in the highland. With alluring landscape and endearing culture, Mai Chau makes an ideal destination for trekking and home stay travel. On the way to Mai Chau, we will stop to visit *a Vietnamese village*, here you will have chance to take a walk around the village to see the life of local people.

- 11:30 Arrive in Mai Chau, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- 13:00 Start a lovely walk to visit *Lac village* and *Van village*. As we walk we will encounter the local villagers going about their daily business tilling the fields, logging or herding the buffalo.

We first visit *Lac village*, an ethnic minority related to the Thai people who live on piled houses as Muong ethnic group but they are larger and more methodical. Once here, we can talk with Thai people to understand more about their daily life, their works on wet rice cultivation and interview the villagers regarding rice production, their daily life & costumes, observe the settlement of Ban Lac and the surrounding landscape

Then visit to *Van village* to observe the vegetation and deforestation process, communicate with the locals to discover of their culture, daily life with your various questions if any.....

- 16:00 Return to Hanoi. Arrive at your hotel in Hanoi after 2,5 hour driving. End of tour.

#### FULL DAY HANOI – HOA BINH with lunch

OPHA-12

- 08:00 Our guide meets & transfers 80-km North West to *Hoa Binh*, abutting the Red River plains, which is cradle of Vietnam civilization and also is a culture of many ethnic groups. Hoa Binh is also home to the Hmong, Muong, Dzaio and Thai ethnic minorities with their own languages, traditional literature and festivals. With natural beauty landscape of mountains, Hoa Binh definitely worthwhile to come for sightseeing and ethnic culture exploration
- 09:30 Upon arrival, visit the *Hoa Binh Hydro Electricity Dam* – the biggest one in the South-east region and plays an indispensable part in flood prevention, electricity production, irrigation and transportation.
- 11:00 Take *1,5-hour boat trip* along the lake then we will have short visit the and Ethnic Minority village located on mountain side. We can go for walking long village lane of Giang Mo, this is very beautiful village of Muong ethnic minority people, and we will get in local house for getting to know about traditional custom and daily life culture. Enjoy a local lunch at a local restaurant in Hoa Binh province. Then return to Hanoi.

TOUR CODE	QUOTED IN USD PER PERSON.				
	2	3/4	5/6	7/10	11/15
OPHA 01	78	66	56	52	49
OPHA 02	78	66	56	52	49
OPHA 03	86	72	59	54	50
OPHA 04	99	84	70	64	60
OPHA 05	107	90	72	65	61
OPHA 06	105	88	72	65	61
OPHA 07	116	100	82	76	71
OPHA 08	116	100	82	76	70
OPHA 09	116	100	82	76	70
OPHA 10	163	134	105	92	83
OPHA 11	125	106	84	75	70
OPHA 12	130	109	88	79	73

**NOTES:**

@ If clients stay outside of Hanoi Old Quarters, there will be a surcharge upon case

@ The group of 1-2p, the Electric cab will be replaced by Pedi-cab to keep the tour price low

@ Rates are not applicable for: **14 to 22 Feb./ 28 Apr. – 3 May/ 28 Aug. – 3 Sep. & 24 Dec.2018.**

**\*\*\* Rates subject to change without prior notice.**

**TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:**

- ❖ Private transportation serving throughout the above program
- ❖ Professional English speaking guide serving as per the itinerary

- ❖ Meals at local restaurant, on boat if any stated in the program.
- ❖ Boat trip if any, indicated in the program.
- ❖ Entrance fee for all sightseeing as indicated in the program
- ❖ Mineral water during the trip: 1 bottle per person per day

**TOUR PRICES EXCLUDE:**

- ❖ Int'l air tickets & airport tax / Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- ❖ Visa service, **tips to guide & driver** & personal expenses.

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