M2: 5 Days Vietnam Northern

Valid Till : 31 Dec 2018

DESCRIPTION

There is a Vietnamese saying goes: Halong bay – "Descending Dragon" and Hanoi – the heart of Vietnam. This 5-day private tour includes the popular Halong classic wonders and the highlights in Ninh Binh and Hanoi culture. Enjoy the deep-rooted culture in Hanoi, visit the largest complex of Buddhist temples in Vietnam as well as the beautiful landscapes of Trang An, relax at breathtaking karst scenery in Halong bay. Let's immerse into the rich and diverse Vietnam.

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Learn more about the history of Vietnam and the culture of the local people*
- *Experience the uniqueness of local life*
- *Get sightseeing of Bai Dinh – Trang An.*
- *Conquer the breathtaking set-up of approximately 2000 different islands on Halong Bay – 1 of New 7 Wonders of the World.*

BRIEF

Order	Date	Routes	Transportation	Included Meals
Day 1		Hanoi arrival – Half day tour	Private car	Lunch
Day 2		Hanoi – Bai Dinh – Trang An	Private car	Breakfast/Lunch
Day 3		Hanoi - Halong	Shuttle bus/Cruise	Breakfast/Lunch/ Dinner
Day 4		Halong - Hanoi	Shuttle bus	Breakfast/Lunch
Day 5		Hanoi Departure	Private car	Breakfast

DEAILED ITINERARY

Day 1	Hanoi arrival – Half day tour (L)

Welcome to Hanoi: Previously known as Thang Long, it was renamed Hanoi in 1831 at a time when Hue was the capital. Large areas of present-day Hanoi were built during the French occupation, reflected in its broad boulevards and French-inspired architecture, which give the city a definite charm.

- On arrival at Noi Bai Airport, our guide and driver will meet you at exit gate with welcome sign board.
- Then you are transferred to hotel for checking in and relaxing.

Lunch time: 12:30 – 01:30 p.m in a local restaurant

In the afternoon

After saving your energy with lunch, let's get ready for upcoming sightseeing this afternoon

- You will firstly leave for the **Vietnam Museum of Ethnology**, which focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam.
- It is estimated to be 2 hours at the museum then you will be transferred back to the old quarter and visit the **Temple of Jade Mountain** sitting on a small island in the northern part of Hoan Kiem Lake and dedicated to the King Tran Hung Dao
- After that, at 05:00 p.m, you will spend around 45 minutes in the theater enjoying the Water Puppet show – a traditional show of Vietnamese people.
- Getting out of the theater, you will sit in front of Cyclo to move around the old quarter and experience the local life in 30 minutes. The cyclo tour will take you back to your hotel and the day tour finishes at around 06:00 p.m

Meals included: __/*Lunch*/__

Suggestion for flight:

	Marlindo Air 571	KUL – HAN	9.20 -11.25
Or:	Malaysia 752	KUL – HAN	9.45 - 12.10

Parameter: *Driving: 30 km/ 45 minutes*

Today useful note(s):

- Wearing formal clothes (cover your knees and shoulders) to visit some spiritual/cultural sites
- Museum of Ethnology will close on Monday so Hoa Lo prison will be the alternative attraction.

Free-time Idea(s):

- Enjoy the must-try cuisine: Bun Cha, Cha Ca La Vong, Pho, Egg coffee, beer on Ta Hien street.
- Go to Night market which is available at the nights of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Try street beer on Ta Hien street and enjoy vendor moment like Hanoian.

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 2 Hanoi – Bai Dinh – Trang An/Wander on the river (B, L)

In the morning

- At 8:00 a.m after enjoying delicious breakfast at your hotel, you will leave Hanoi for Ninh Binh - our destination today, which is about 1 hour and a half driving to the South.
- You will visit Bai Dinh Pagoda – a Buddha Prayer place. It is the biggest pagoda in Vietnam with 500 La Han statues, biggest bronze Buddha statue in Vietnam with 10 meters in height, 100 tons in weight.

Lunch time: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m in a local restaurant (with some local special dishes such as Goat meat with elderberry, pork storage vessel)

In the afternoon

- After having lunch in a local restaurant, you depart for Trang An and take boat trip to visit cave complex: Sang Cave, Toi Cave, Ba Giot Cave, Nau Ruou in mystery and wildness for seeing scenery of mountain and rivers Ha Long on land of Ninh Binh.
- At about 05:00 pm, you finish the tour and you are transferred back to your hotel in Hanoi.

Meals included: *Breakfast/Lunch/__*

Parameter: *Hanoi –Ninh Binh: 100 km/ Driving: 1.5 hour/ way*

Boat trip: 2 hours

Today useful note(s):

- Take long sleeve clothes, a hat or an umbrella, sun cream/sun spray and sunglasses.
- Avoid wearing tight and short clothes like short skirts when visiting the pagoda.
- Bring Vietnamese small change for using public toilet (about 2.000 VND)

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 3 Hanoi – Halong/ A night on peaceful bay (B, L, D)

In the morning

- At 8:00 – 8:30 a.m, the shuttle bus will pick you up and transfer you to Halong bay**.** It take around **4.0 hours** to reach Halong through small villages with beautiful fields of rice and vegetable.

Lunch time: 1:00 p.m on cruise

In the afternoon

- 1:00 – 3:30 p.m: A sumptuous lunch is served while cruising into the magnificent Halong Bay with its thousands of extraordinarily shaped limestone islands, considered as the heaven on the Earth.

- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m: Explore the Lòm Bò area and be charmed by this outstanding masterpiece of Mother Nature. Visit Mê Cung Cave – one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay and climb up to see the panoramic view of the bay from above.
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m: Return to the LaFairy Sails for a Sunset party to admire the best moments of the day when the sun starts to set. Take pleasure in a fruit carving demonstration.
- 7:00 p.m: Savor a sparkling and dreamlike dinner on top deck under the light of a thousand stars in middle of the tranquil Bay with extremely delicious food and be awed by a fascinating fruit and vegetable carving show. You will be delighted in traditional music performances. Afterwards, socialize with the artist, new friends and crew members, join squid fishing.

Meals included: *Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner*

Parameter: *Hanoi – Halong: 180 km/ Driving: 4 hours/ way*

Today useful note(s):

- Get ready for swimming and water activities by preparing swimsuits or any suitable clothes and sun scream.
- Leave your big luggage at your hotel.

Overnight on cruise

Day 4	Halong – Hanoi (B, L)

In the morning

- 06:30 – 07:00 a.m : Start your day with Tai Chi exercises or a photo hunt.
- 07:15 – 07:45 a.m : Enjoy breakfast in the fresh air and peaceful beauty of the Bay.
- 08:00 – 09:15 a.m: Visit Titov Island for swimming in the emerald water. Then hike up to the top of the island to take the breathtaking panoramic view of the Bay.
- 09:15 – 09:45 a.m: Relax and enjoy the marvellous sights from the top deck.
- 09:45 – 10:15 a.m: Pack your luggage and check out of the cabin while cruising towards the harbor

Lunch time: 10:15 a.m on cruise

In the afternoon

- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m: Disembark the cruise.
- 12:30 p.m: You will be transferred back to your hotel in Hanoi.

Meals included: *Breakfast/Lunch/__*

Today useful note(s):

- Check your personal belongings carefully before leaving your cabin/cruise

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 5 Hanoi half day city tour – Departure (B, L)

- Free at your leisure time.
- Upon your departure flight, our guide and driver will come to pick you up and transfer you to the airport for your flight to home.

Meals included: *Breakfast/__/__*

Suggestion for flight:

	Marlindo Air 572	HAN – KUL	12.15 - 16.35
Or:	Malaysia 753	HAN – KUL	13.00 - 17.25

Today useful note(s):

- Please check your luggage carefully and all your personal items of passports etc. before leaving your hotel.

INCLUSION/ EXCLUSION

Inclusion	Exclusion
Twin/double sharing rooms **in the best recommended hotel/cruise**	Meals, Beverages which are not specified in the program
Escorted experienced English speaking guide	Any unclarified flight tickets
All entrance fee and sightseeing tickets	Personal travel insurance
Delicious included meals as being clarified	Any personal expenses
Door-to-door transportation as being clarified above	Any gratuities and tips to driver and tour guide. The normal minimum tip is 3 usd/pax/day
2 bottles of water each day	Bank fee
Service charges	

NOTES

- All services are ensured to be available at this checking time only
- Activities are subject to change without priority notice due to the weather condition
- Stated timetable for meals/activities will not strictly fixed, be flexible due to the real situation.
- Different cruises in Halong bay follow different itineraries and the program in this proposal is conducted by **La Fairy Sails**

LIST OF RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATIONS

City	Superior class	Deluxe class	Luxury class
Hanoi	La Dolce Vita Deluxe room	Tirant hotel Deluxe room	Apricot hotel Sketch Room
Halong	Oriental Sails Deluxe cabin	LaFairy Cruise Deluxe cabin	Starlight cruise Deluxe cabin

RATES & CONDITION

High season	All prices are valid whole year from 1st Oct 2017 to 30th April 2018 & 1st Oct 2018 – 31st Dec - 2018 Tour price in USD net per person in group of						Surcharge
Categories	**2 P**	**3 – 4P**	**5 – 6P**	**7-9**	**10-12**	**13-15**	**Single**
Superior	417	374	341	310	305	287	112
Deluxe	532	491	450	419	414	396	189
Luxury	763	720	661	630	625	607	370
Low season	All prices are valid whole year from 1st May – 30th Sep 2018 Tour price in USD net per person in group of						Surcharge
Superior	417	374	341	310	305	287	112
Deluxe	510	467	428	397	392	373	181
Luxury	683	640	592	562	557	538	318

Note: shuttle bus will be used for route Hanoi-Halong-Hanoi for group 2-4 pax
Private car is used whole trip for group from 5 pax up

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