

Gems of Vietnam: 6 Days of "Culture, Nature, and Adventure"

Trip Name	SFT05-HAL6D
Duration	6 days
Tour route	Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Ha Long - Hanoi
Guest name	TBA

BRIEF ITINERARY:

Day 1: HANOI ARRIVAL – AFTERNOON CITY TOUR (L, D)

Day 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (L, D)

Day 3: NINH BINH DAY TRIP: HOA LU – TRANG AN NATURE RESERVE (L, D)

DAY 4 HANOI – HALONG BAY – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE ON HALONG BAY (D)

Day 5: HALONG BAY – HANOI (L, D)

DAY 6 HANOI AIRPORT – DEPARTURE

L- LUNCH, D- DINNER

Overview of Hanoi, Ha Long Bay and Ninh Binh

Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi, the heart and soul of Vietnam! This historic capital blends ancient traditions with modern vibrancy, offering a unique tapestry of sights, sounds, and flavours. Wander through the enchanting Old Quarter's maze-like streets, where timeless architecture meets bustling local life. Marvel at French colonial landmarks, serene temples, and tranquil lakes. Dive into Hanoi's world-renowned culinary scene, sampling iconic dishes such as **pho**, other local delicacies and the indulgent egg coffee, a local specialty that's a must-try. Hanoi's charm lies in its ability to take you on a journey through time while keeping you connected to the present.

Ha Long Bay

Just a few hours from Hanoi lies Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its emerald-green waters and thousands of limestone karsts rising dramatically from the sea. This natural wonder offers unparalleled serenity, making it ideal for both adventure and relaxation. Whether cruising on a luxury junk boat, exploring hidden caves, or kayaking through secluded lagoons, every moment in Ha Long Bay is picture-perfect. Don't miss the chance to indulge in freshly caught seafood as you soak in the bay's enchanting beauty.

Ninh Binh

Often referred to as "Ha Long Bay on land," Ninh Binh is an unmissable destination for nature lovers and cultural explorers. Located south of Hanoi, this stunning region boasts dramatic limestone mountains, emerald rice paddies, and tranquil rivers. At the Trang An Landscape Complex, another UNESCO World Heritage site, visitors can take scenic boat rides through mystical caves and valleys. Add the historical allure of Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital, and Ninh Binh promises an unforgettable experience rich in history, culture, and natural beauty.

Highlights of Your Journey

- **Hanoi:** Explore Hanoi's iconic Old Quarter, visiting landmarks like Al Noor Mosque, Hoan Kiem Lake, O Quan Chuong Gate and the St. Joseph Cathedral. Experience trains passing just inches from homes on Hanoi's Train Street. Explore the bustling Dong Xuan Market, one of Hanoi's largest. Visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology and Hoa Lo Prison, known as the "Hanoi Hilton."
- **Ninh Binh:** Discover Hoa Lu, the capital of Vietnam in the 10th century, and visit the King Dinh and King Le monuments. Take a scenic boat trip through Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with stunning caves and karst landscapes.
- **Ha Long Bay:** Enjoy a cruise through this natural wonder, explore caves, swim in pristine waters, and relish fresh seafood as you watch the sunset over the bay.

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL – AFTERNOON CITY TOUR (L, D)

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai Airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our guide and transferred to your hotel (early check-in is subject to availability). Begin your journey in Hanoi, Vietnam's captivating capital, a city that seamlessly blends colonial elegance with timeless charm. With its rich history, vibrant culture, and unique architecture, Hanoi offers a fascinating glimpse into both its storied past and dynamic present.

Afternoon Activities:

- After enjoying a delicious lunch at a Halal restaurant, embark on an afternoon exploration of the city's iconic Old Quarter, known for its labyrinth of 36 streets, each named after a traditional craft or trade.
- Visit Al Noor Mosque for prayer, and then meander through the charming narrow alleys lined with traditional shops. Stop by key landmarks such as the ancient house at 87 Ma May Street and the historic O Quan Chuong Gate, one of the last remnants of Hanoi's ancient walls.

- Continue to the tranquil Hoan Kiem Lake, a serene oasis in the heart of the city, and capture stunning photos of landmarks such as St. Joseph's Cathedral, the grand Hanoi Opera House, and Ba Dinh Square, where President Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam's independence in 1945.

Evening Activities:

- Conclude your first day with a sumptuous dinner at a local Halal restaurant before returning to your hotel for a restful evening.

Overnight in Hanoi



Day 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (L, D)

Morning Activities:

- Begin your day by immersing yourself in the unique charm of Hanoi. Your first stop is the iconic Train Street, where life unfolds just inches from active railway tracks. Witness the captivating sight of trains navigating through the narrow alleyways, a vibrant display of Hanoi's dynamic and evolving spirit. Relax and savour a cup of authentic Vietnamese egg coffee at a cozy café along the tracks, and capture unforgettable moments as the trains pass by.
- Next, dive into the bustling energy of Dong Xuan Market, a sensory feast of colours, sounds, and aromas. Navigate through the lively aisles where locals barter and haggle, and uncover unique finds in this heart of Hanoi's vibrant trade scene.
- Pause for the mid-afternoon prayer at Al Noor Mosque, followed by a hearty lunch at a Halal restaurant to recharge.

Afternoon Activities:

- In the afternoon, delve into Vietnam's diverse history at the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology. Discover the fascinating cultures of Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups through engaging exhibits, traditional houses, and historical artifacts.
- Your journey through Hanoi's past continues with a visit to the Hoa Lo Prison, a historic landmark that narrates the resilience and struggles of Vietnam's path to independence.

Evening Activities:

- As the day comes to an end, enjoy dinner at another Halal restaurant. You can then choose to return to your hotel
- or take a leisurely evening stroll through the enchanting streets of the Old Quarter.

Overnight in Hanoi



Day 3: NINH BINH DAY TRIP: HOA LU – TRANG AN NATURE RESERVE (L, D)

Morning Activities:

Depart from the hotel at **8 am** and embark on a journey to Ninh Binh province, located approximately 110 km south of Hanoi. This picturesque region embodies the quintessential charm of Northern Vietnam's countryside.

- **Hoa Lu Ancient Capital:** Arrive at the 10th-century capital of Vietnam, once home to six kings and three dynasties. Renowned for its natural beauty, this historical site offers a glimpse into Vietnam's regal past. Visit the monuments dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, and explore the archaeological excavations.
- **Optional Activity:** For those seeking adventure, take a short hike up to Mua Cave. The climb rewards you with breathtaking panoramic views of Ninh Binh's countryside, including its iconic rice fields and winding rivers.

Lunch: Enjoy a delicious meal at a halal restaurant in Ninh Binh.

Afternoon Activities:

- **Trang An Scenic Complex:** Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by dramatic karst mountains, lush forests, and serene lakes. Experience the area's tranquillity on a 1.5-hour sampan boat ride along the Hoang Long River.
- Marvel at the natural wonders as you pass through famous caves such as Sang Cave, Toi Cave, Ba Giot Cave, and Nau Ruou, each offering an air of mystery and untouched beauty.

5:00 PM: Begin the return journey to Hanoi.

Evening Activities:

- **Dinner in Hanoi:** Upon arrival, enjoy a delightful halal dinner in the vibrant Old Quarter, a culinary and cultural hub of the city.
- **Leisure Time:** Explore the bustling streets of the Old Quarter at your own pace or head back to the hotel to unwind and rest for the night.

Overnight in Hanoi



DAY 4 : HANOI – HALONG BAY – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE ON HALONG BAY (L, D)

Morning:

- Check out of the hotel at **8 am** and board a bus for a scenic 3.5-hour transfer to Ha Long Bay.
- **Around Noon:** Arrive at Tuan Chau Harbor and embark on a luxury cruise. Receive a warm welcome with a refreshing drink and a detailed safety briefing.

Afternoon:

- **Lunch Onboard:** Savor a freshly prepared seafood or halal meal as the cruise glides through the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, surrounded by stunning limestone karsts.
- **Explore Thien Canh Son Cave:** Discover this remarkable cave perched atop a mountain, renowned for its rich geological history and striking formations of stalactites and stalagmites.
- **Relaxation:** Enjoy swimming in the bay or sunbathing on the sundeck. If weather permits, relax on the pristine beach or immerse yourself in the tranquil surroundings.

Evening:

- **Halal Dinner on the Sundeck:** Relish a delicious meal under the stars while taking in the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay.
- **Leisure Activities:** Unwind onboard with options to try squid fishing at the reception deck or join a lively karaoke session on the sundeck. Alternatively, simply relax and enjoy the serene atmosphere of the bay.

Overnight on the cruise

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Note: The cruise itinerary is subject to slight changes depending on the weather conditions on the day of travel.

DAY 5: HALONG BAY – HANOI (L, D)

Morning

- Begin your day with a refreshing session on the sundeck, soaking in the tranquil views of the bay and enjoy a light breakfast served in the dining room.
- Pack your belongings and place your luggage outside your cabin door by 9 am for the crew to assist in transferring them to land.
- Savor a delightful brunch at 9:30am in the onboard restaurant as the boat makes its way back to the harbour.

Late Morning

- Disembark at the harbour at 11:30 am and board a private vehicle for your return journey to Hanoi.

Afternoon

- Arrive at your hotel in Hanoi at approx. around 3 pm. Unwind and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Evening

- After dinner at local halal restaurant, explore Old Quarter at your leisure or last-minute shopping for souvenirs.

Overnight in Hanoi



DAY 6 HANOI AIRPORT – DEPARTURE

- Check out and travel to No Bai International Airport in a private car transfer ensuring a comfortable and hassle-free journey.
- Arrive at Terminal 2 of No Bai International Airport, ready to board your flight home.

Bid farewell to Vietnam with fond memories of your adventure.

Tour concludes. Safe travels!

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✓ Valid from 1 Oct, 2024 – 21 Dec, 2025

✓ Price in USD per person

Group size/Hotel	2 pax	3-5 pax	6-8 pax	9-12 pax	13-15 pax	16-19 pax	20-24 pax	From 25 pax
3 star	478	436	364	360	329	318	305	300
4 star	556	514	441	437	407	395	382	377
5 star	832	789	717	713	682	671	658	653

Hotel rates and packages are subject to change based on seasonal variations, including peak and non-peak periods.

Inclusions:

- English-speaking guide
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Bottled drinking water during the trip
- Halal meals as mentioned

Any additional inclusions or exclusions will be specified upon request for a quote or

