



## ESSENTIAL NORTHERN VIETNAM: AN ADVENTURE WITHIN TOUCH!

**(11 days)**

### Day 1 : Hanoi – Black River

Our crew will pick you up at your hotel. Through chaotic traffic in Hanoi center, we soon catch a smooth highway heading west of the city.

After the first coffee break en route, the countryside is already coming up. Take back road to avoid main traffic, we hit our first stop at the side of the Black river, what a view! Spend remainder of our first day to enjoy fresh breezing from river, deep in the pool with a cold beer.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, scenic Black river, eco-lodge
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local Eco-Lodge
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### Day 2 : Black River - Phu Yen

There will be a full day of explorations across the grassland of Moc Chau plateau. The first distance opens up to a gateway to Moc Chau. All its smooth-shape hills, floras, fruit farms and typical cool-weather give such a great feeling. At the heart of its charm, you see people are working hard here, with a smile of happiness as always shown on their faces. When the smell of Moc Chau is still around, the next part of the day takes us through the lush & green landscapes surrounding the Black river. You may see a few tourists there, but it's mainly about the local lifestyle you will experience.

Arriving to this next stop, you are welcome in a rustic village.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, nature of Moc Chau plateau, scenic Black river, rice fields
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Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 3: Phu Yen - Tram Tau**

It's said to catch the sight of an ocean of clouds, not many places elsewhere is better than this route through Ta Xua national park. It also features great typical Northwest landscape, where a twisted road runs along a mountain range and a massive valley. You will enjoy every minute of the travel in this area.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, Ta Xua national park, mountain road
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	3-5 hours

### **Day 4 : Tram Tau - Tu Le**

From Tram Tau we travel up to Nghia Lo, the second largest valley in Northwest. Here, Thai people build their own beautiful villages nearby vast rice fields, leaning over surrounded hills and mountains.

On the way to the next spot, you will witness one of the most beautiful valleys in Northern Vietnam, and it's Tu Le! Golden rice fields spread all over the land, hill-side and mountain-side; enclosing villages in the middle of its miracle color.

Highlight of the day	Terraced fields, villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay

Duration of travel	4-6 hours
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### **Day 5 : Tu Le - Sapa**

This is a special day of the tour. In the morning, we travel on the Khau Pha pass, a mighty road in the local belief. At the end of the day, O Quy Ho pass will take us to Sapa, a hot spot in the whole region. These passes are also listed as 2 of the 4 most magnificent ones in Northern Vietnam. Not much words can do the job as good as the journey will, itself.

Sapa is known as an ideal summer holiday location since the early 19th century because of its mild climate. But it's most reputed for its massive valleys at the foot of Hoang Lien mountain range.

Highlight of the day	Mountain passes, terraced fields, H'mong minority
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 6: Sapa - Bac Ha district**

From the valley of Sapa, we head to the Northeast region. Today we will take the opportunity to explore the spectacular mountainous scenery and a wonderful land of ethnic minorities. Lost and found on this route, you'll witness how incredible life can be grown on such rough terrains.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, terraced fields, rural villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 7: Bac Ha - Ha Giang**

It's another gorgeous day of travel through western Ha Giang province. From massive corn-farm valleys of Bac Ha, we cross over remote villages on most untouched routes for travelers.

We end up in a peaceful village nearby the town of Ha Giang. A short walk up the hill to the top of the village will gratify you with a wonderful view.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, terraced fields, villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 8: Ha Giang - Dong Van**

Into the heart of the rocky plateau!

It's not quite easy to travel up this region, actually it can be challenging. All mountain roads come with numerous of demanding corners, and very steep slopes. But it's all paid off. The landscape around Dong Van district is unique, features various forms of ancient rocks and all twisted cliff-roads.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, colorful minorities, rocky plateau
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 9: Dong Van - Du Gia**

It's time for shopping!

What makes this "land of rock" so unique? Its look! Its people! Its soul! You find it all in a local fair or market day, in popular description. For hundreds of years, the locals are

keeping their own ways to set up a fair, even way to participate it. An event of trading, of meeting old friends, where men are allowed to drink till drunk, and the wives remain happy.

Back on the road, you will be amazed by the cliff-pass from Dong Van to Meo Vac. Carved into a mountain side, looking down to an abyss, Ma Pi Leng pass is standing out as the best one to travel on in whole North. Last distance to Du Gia valley completes this day with a great satisfaction, in another exotic region.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, local market, villages, H'mong people
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 10: Du Gia - Ba Be**

It is hard to say farewell to the village. We carry on our travel with more mountain roads, more villages we pass by and a new place to explore. Landscapes close to Ba Be are characterized by high limestone mountains, thick forests and curvy roads.

The boat trip takes us from upstream of the water source down to our village in the heart of the national park. The homestay has such a great open-view balcony looking down to rice fields and a part of the lake faraway.

Highlight of the day	Mountain road, Ba Be national park, boat trip
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 11: Ba Be - Hanoi**

Enjoy breakfast on the open-view balcony, we then leave Ba Be for the last chapter of the tour. With all the emotions from the days on road, we hope you will enjoy your own moments in the trip.

Highlight of the day	Countryside road
Meal plan	B,L (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	On own arrangement
Duration of travel	6-8 hours