



## EXPLORE NORTHEAST VIETNAM : LOST IN VIETNAM'S MOONSCAPE!

*(10 days)*

### Day 1: Hanoi – Thac Ba lake

Meet up in the morning, we start on the dyke road along the Red river and ride all the way out of Hanoi. Get a taste of motorcycling in Vietnam and get used to your own bike. Our route today is easy going through the fine countryside of midlands.

In the afternoon, we should reach the village of the Dzao minority and will be welcomed by such a friendly family. It's a beautiful place to take a walk around and meet locals in the village.

Highlight of the day	countryside road, scenic Red river, Lo river
Meal plan	L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### Day 2: Thac Ba lake - Bac Ha District

We start our day tour by taking back road along side of Thac Ba lake. It's rough but good fun. We pass by many beautiful villages and ride non-tourist tracks.

At the end of the day, we find our local homestay hidden well in a small valley, with mountains surrounding.

Highlight of the day	back road, rural countryside
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay

Duration of travel	5-7 hours
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### **Day 3: Bac Ha dist - Thong Nguyen**

Here comes to the next chapter of the tour: enter the mountains!

We ride at approximately 1000 m above sea level all the way crossing over to the far Northeast. Rugged mountains, steep valleys, steep roads, rice terraces and hill-tribe communities - we will see real Northern Vietnam as its most.

We have a typical ride for today and it's various in conditions, from small paved roads, concrete roads to twisted dirt tracks and single trails.

Ending up in our hidden lodge in among vast rice terraces, such a nice place after a perfect day ride.

Highlight of the day	back road, mountains, rough tracks, terraces
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local eco-lodge
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 4: Thong Nguyen - Ha Giang**

After reaching Heaven Gate and the Hoang Su Phi Pass, there will be a great single track making a short cut to Ha Giang city. Still magnificent landscapes, few rural villages en route, the track really brings you into remote areas.

As it's not too long on the challenging side of the ride, we make a good time to arrive to our next stop. We spend the rest of the day to walk around this beautiful village and make friends with the lovely locals. Do not be surprised to be invited into their homes and even get few rice wine shots as a greeting.

Highlight of the day	Mountains, terraces, rough tracks
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)

Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 5: Ha Giang – Dong Van**

Core of this tour, the main reason to ride up, today we explore the rocky plateau of Dong Van.

In the recent years, Dong Van has been recognized as a global geo-park by UNESCO, referring to its unique karst formations. Geological diversity and climate shifts over millions of years have created diverse and spectacular rock gardens and rock forests within the region. The rocky outcrops, small waterfalls, terraced fields, and small thatched houses nestled behind rock walls and peach gardens create a stunningly picturesque landscape. Above this rough terrains, all hill-tribe minorities carry on their lives with joy and tradition, showing the best of their lifestyle.

And so, we do a ride up there on a long distance on a mountain road. A full day of joy and exploration.

Highlight of the day	Mountain pass, karst, villages, dirt tracks
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	5-7 hours

### **Day 6: Dong Van - Bao Lac**

Stop at Dong Van old town for a visit, we then take the Ma Pi Leng pass, a must-ride cliff road for bikers.

Our next town en route is Meo Vac, a growing place in remote, but still a land of rugged mountains and beautiful hill villages remaining unchanged for centuries. Find a dirt track downstream of Nho Que river where we do a crossing by bamboo raft. Then hit our town for tonight on a short distance.

Highlight of the day	Mountains, ferry crossing, back roads
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Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	3-5 hours

### **Day 7: Bao Lac - Quang Uyen**

We get the next challenging ride ahead through steep mountains and on twisted passes. To reach Cao Bang, we avoid National Highway No 3 but take the hidden one along Chinese border. The road is rough but the scenery is unbelievably beautiful and magnificent.

End up in the small town of Quang Uyen, enjoy our time relaxing surrounded by typical karst mountains.

Highlight of the day	Mountain roads, villages, limestone landscape
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)
Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	6-8 hours

### **Day 8: Quang Uyen – Ban Gioc – Quang Uyen**

After riding a short distance through the great countryside, we find a beautiful way to Ban Gioc waterfalls, which form a natural border belt between Vietnam and China. Looking down from above, in the white spume, it's really a heavenly picture. We spend some time to enjoy its fresh water and a boat tour.

Later in the afternoon, we will return to Quang Uyen for a second night. Not taking the same way, the round trip from Ba Gioc is as impressive and enjoyable as the morning ride.

Highlight of the day	Ban Gioc waterfall, mountains, villages
Meal plan	B,L,D (Picnic lunch included)

Accommodation	Local homestay
Duration of travel	4-6 hours

### **Day 9: Quang Uyen – Ba Be national park**

The landscape of Cao Bang province is one of the best in Northern Vietnam. It offers a great mixture of natural wonder of sharp limestone peaks amongst man-grown fields and villages. A typical landscape of Cao Bang will be seen during the first distance as we head to Ma Phuc Pass and enter an area of innumerable karst. Then we cruise on the smooth highway 3 and take more mountain passes and curves.

Ba Be national park is always one of our most beloved destinations. Its moss-green water lake, twisted roads hidden under a dense forest, the exotic village beneath the white-limestone mountain reach straight to our feelings. Just before the next stop for the night, we will load all motorcycles on a boat and take a short trip to enjoy a sightseeing on the lake of Ba Be national park. Especially when the sun goes down, it's an epic ride. At the end, our homestay with an open view balcony will welcome you with the best hospitality.

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

### **Day 10: Ba Be – Ha Noi**

We will ride on a countryside road for most of distances from Ba Be, through Tan Trao, and Son Duong.

Since we are not far from Hanoi, our mini bus will pick you up to avoid busy traffic. Tour ends!

Highlight of the day	countryside road
Meal plan	B,L (Picnic lunch included)

Accommodation	On own arrangement!
Duration of travel	5-7 hours