



Offering steaming bowls of spicy Pho, the lush fields of Sapa, and the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, Vietnam is the gift that just keeps on giving. That's why we've created Vietnam Experience, our premium 12 day trip that will take you from the north to the central coast while spoiling you with upgraded boutique accommodation throughout. This amazing trip will have you discovering bustling Hanoi by rickshaw, trekking through rolling green mountains and living like a local in Sapa Village, sailing through the magical Ha Long Bay, gorging on the world's best street food, and getting charmed by Hoi An, all whilst traveling in serious style. Oh, and did we mention that we're including loads of activities, an awesome group leader from the moment you land, and an instant crew of new friends? The trip of a lifetime just got even better!

## HANOI → HOI AN

<b>Transport:</b>	Minivan, Bus, Boat, Overnight Train.
<b>Meals:</b>	10B, 5L, 2D
<b>Group size:</b>	4 - 16
<b>Age Range:</b>	18 - 40's

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy our hand-selected premium accommodation including four-star hotels and upgraded local home stays
- Dive into the culture, food and fast paced lifestyle of buzzing Hanoi
- Trek the picturesque landscapes of Sapa
- Cruise, kayak and swim the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay
- Be captured by the charm of Hoi An

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 11 Nights Premium Accommodation
- ✓ 17 Meals
- ✓ All Transport
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Walking & Rickshaw Tour of Hanoi
- ✓ Night Out in Hanoi
- ✓ Sapa Mountain-Side Accommodation
- ✓ Sapa Trekking
- ✓ Overnight Boat Trip on Ha Long Bay
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Local Homestay Experience
- ✓ Bicycle Tour of Ninh Binh
- ✓ Rice Paddies
- ✓ River Boat Cruise
- ✓ Dragon Mountain Viewpoint
- ✓ Cooking Class
- ✓ Traditional Crab Fishing Basket Boat Tour
- ✓ Lantern Making Class
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

### NOT INCLUDED:

International flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



# ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

## DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN HANOI

• **HANOI** Landing in Hanoi, we'll meet you at the airport and take you to your boutique hotel in the heart of the old town. Meet up with your travel crew and get excited for the adventures to come!

## DAY 2 - RICKSHAW EXPLORING

• **HANOI** We'll jump straight into the hustle of Hanoi today with a walking and rickshaw tour of the city. Tasty street food will keep us going as we soak in the intoxicating energy of the capital, full of rustic colonial buildings and themed trading streets. This evening we'll head out for dinner and a drink to see what Hanoi has to offer after dark.

## DAY 3 - SAPA TREKKING

• **SAPA VILLAGE** This morning we'll take a VIP limousine bus to the rolling hills of Sapa. We'll learn from our local guide how different ethnic groups live peacefully together while retaining their customs, then begin our trek deep into the Muong Hoa Valley. Passing rice paddies, mountain views and water buffalo, we might get a little muddy, but it's all part of the fun! Once at our homestay we'll have a well-deserved rest, sharing stories over dinner and a little rice wine.

## DAY 4 - VILLAGES & MOUNTAINS

• **SAPA** Today is all about enjoying the postcard perfect landscapes and breathing fresh mountain air as we trek through terraced hills, take in dramatic panoramas, and discover local villages. This afternoon a quick drive takes us back to Sapa town, where we will check into our beautiful mountain-side hotel and kick up our feet for a well-earned rest in peaceful surroundings.

## DAY 5 - EXPLORE SAPA TOWN

• **SAPA** This morning enjoy the hotel and explore Sapa at your own pace, with the option of taking the cable car up Fan Si Pan peak. With a summit over 3100m, this viewpoint known as the roof of Indochina boasts extravagant views of the mountainous landscape. This afternoon we'll jump back in the VIP limousine bus back to Hanoi.

## DAY 6 - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT BOAT

• **HA LONG BAY** From Hanoi we'll travel to Ha Long Bay to board the luxurious boat that'll be our home for the night. Famous for emerald waters, limestone islands, magical caves, and thick rainforests, we'll see this world heritage site up close as we kayak, swim, and laze on the sundeck. In the evening enjoy a sunset from the deck and tuck into a fresh dinner before some drinks. It doesn't get much better than this!

## DAY 7 - TRAVEL TO NINH BINH

• **NINH BINH** Today the rice paddies and vast mountains of Ninh Binh await. This evening we'll make the most of our serene surroundings as we cosy up in traditional bungalows by the river at a local homestay.

## DAY 8 - BIKE RIDES & HIKE

• **NINH BINH** Heading out to explore the rural paradise of Ninh Binh, we'll hop on two wheels to weave through rice paddies before taking a local rowboat through a network of rivers and caves. A hike up to Dragon Mountain viewpoint will reward us with epic views and then we'll board our comfortable overnight train bound for Hoi An.

## DAY 9 - EXPLORE HOI AN

• **HOI AN** Go shopping, stroll the alleys, or even visit a local tailor to get a custom suit or dress made. This evening we'll enjoy some amazing food and Hoi An's lights from a lantern boat.

## DAY 10 - BASKET FISHING & COOKING CLASS

• **HOI AN** Local fishermen will be our guides today as we weave through coconut groves learning the art of crab fishing. We'll then take part in a hands-on cooking class to become masters of all things Vietnamese cuisine! The afternoon is yours to chill by the pool or treat yourself to a massage.

## DAY 11 - LANTERN MAKING CLASS & BEACH DAY

• **HOI AN** Today you'll try your hand at making an awesome Vietnamese souvenir – a lantern! Then we'll enjoy a chilled beach day with some lunch at a cool beach club. We'll then enjoy our final night in Vietnam together.

## DAY 12 - CHECK OUT

• **HOI AN** Your unforgettable 12 day adventure comes to an end. Those flying home will make their way to the airport, or extend your stay in Vietnam with help from your group leader.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of Vietnam before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to Vietnam.

## AFTER VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

Vietnam Experience 12 day finishes in Hoi An. If you're staying on longer in Vietnam, your group leader will help organise any of your onward travel.

From Hoi An you can easily fly out of Da Nang Airport, both domestically and internationally.

Da Nang airport is approx. one hour drive by bus or taxi from Hoi An.

## VISAS

It's important to check your visa requirements before arriving in Vietnam.

Please refer to our [FAQ](#) page for all up to date visa information Vietnam.

Please note that while the above information is currently accurate, visa rules can often change so it's always best to check before departing.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Vietnam is compulsory to join Vietnam Experience. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself [here](#).





# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

## HANOI - SKYLARK BOUTIQUE HOTEL

3 NIGHTS (Night 1, 2 & 5)

Stay right in the heart of Hanoi.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Restaurant



HANOI

## SAPA VILLAGE - CHAPA ECO LODGE

### HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

A beautiful lodge surrounded by lush rice paddies and mountains.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Bar & Terrace



SAPA VILLAGE

## SAPA - PAO'S SAPA LEISURE HOTEL

1 NIGHT

A stunning 5 star mountain-side hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Bar & Insane Views of Sapa!



SAPA



## HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT BOAT

1 NIGHT

An amazing boat with incredible views.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Air Con

A once in a lifetime stay!



## NINH BINH - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

Private riverside bungalows in a magical setting.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Riverside Hammocks



## OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

A comfy bed on a great journey.

4 Share Cabin

Bathrooms Onboard

Air Con

Epic Views!



## HOI AN - THANH BINH RIVERSIDE HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

A nice hotel nestled on the river.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool



### IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

# #SMALLCHANGE

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

## FAQS



### DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



### WHAT'S A PREMIUM TRIP?

When we have 2 similar itinerary options in the same destination, the premium trip is the upgraded version. With a higher standard of accommodation, some exclusive activities and more meals.



### CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Vietnam](#).



### HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout the Vietnam so it's easy to get access to cash.



### CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.



### IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Vietnam's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT VIETNAM?

It's always a good time to go travelling in Vietnam. Most months of the year you will experience both sunshine and possibly some rain. It's usually quite hot and humid most of the time, but it can occasionally get cold, especially in the north of Vietnam between November and February, so it's always best to bring a couple of warm layers with your summer clothing.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

#### That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Vietnam and Vietnam Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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