



Vietnam Explorer

HALONG BAY ● HANOI ● PU LUONG RESERVE

The Offer

From the buzz and bustle of Hanoi to ancient temples, picture-perfect rice terraces and serenity of Ha Long Bay, Vietnam's appeal is instant. You can enjoy all this and more with the convenience of booking your own flights.

Meet us in Hanoi for a guided walking tour, visiting local markets, the picturesque West Lake and a sacred Taoist temple. You'll then embark on a journey through fertile farmlands for an overnight cruise of Ha Long Bay's serene waters and limestone islands. Visit a pearl farm, watch a traditional Vietnamese cooking demonstration and step inside Sung Sot Cave to marvel at the incredible stalactites and stalagmites before returning to Hanoi.

Next, you'll travel to scenic Ninh Binh province to see Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient royal capital, where you'll ride a bamboo boat down the Hoang Long River to stunning Tam Coc and the impressive Bich Dong Pagoda. Additional highlights include the Pu Luong Reserve, the isolated Kho Muong and Ban Don villages and the turbulent cascades of the Hieu Waterfall, before returning to Hanoi.

Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime cultural experience including an 11-day small-group tour, 6 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation, an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, 3 nights in the beautiful Pu Luong Nature Reserve, 15 meals and more!

Want more? Treat yourself to a luxury accommodation package upgrade or extend your journey with Itinerary 2 to explore ancient Hoi An and impressive Ho Chi Minh City from an additional \$900 per person.

Travel Planning: Return international airfares aren't included in this package, so you have the flexibility to choose your own. See Important Information before booking.

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The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Meet us in Hanoi, Vietnam

Make your own way to Hanoi, Vietnam to begin your holiday. On arrival, check in to your hotel accommodation.

Please note: Standard check-in time is 15:00, and for travellers who arrive early, luggage storage will be available at reception.

Overnight: Hanoi (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: None

Day 2 Hanoi - Walking Tour - Afternoon at Leisure

After breakfast, begin a walking tour to discover the real life of Hanoi people. Visit a local market and mingle with the vendors, stroll around the picturesque West Lake and enter Quan Thanh, a sacred Taoist temple and Cua Bach Parish Church, a Roman Catholic church built in the early 20th century by the French administration and one of the most beautiful in Hanoi.

After the walking tour, return to your accommodation, then enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight: Hanoi (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Hanoi - Ha Long Bay - Overnight Cruise

Today, journey approximately 180 kilometres, past farmlands and rice paddy fields to Ha Long Bay.

Embark on board your traditional junk-style vessel for an overnight cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed area. Settle into a deck chair and cruise through picturesque emerald waters while marvelling at the towering limestone karst islands. Enjoy a seafood lunch before participating in some

afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for a fantastic panoramic view, or riding on a rowing boat into a secluded bay. Cruise further into the bay to visit a pearl farm before watching a traditional Vietnamese cuisine cooking demonstration, followed by dinner on board.

Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks.

Please note: We recommend packing an overnight bag only for your cruise. The remainder of your luggage will be securely stored, or you can take all your belongings on board if you'd prefer.

Overnight: Ha Long Bay (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 4 Ha Long Bay Cruise -Hanoi

After breakfast, climb aboard the tender for a visit to Sung Sot Cave (Surprise Cave), a colourful grotto of giant stalactites and stalagmites. Back onboard, enjoy a short cooking class where you will learn to prepare local delicacies such as spring rolls. Enjoy a light lunch before a relaxing trip back to port, where you will disembark and return approximately 180 kilometres to Hanoi. Upon arrival, check into the hotel for an evening at leisure. Alternatively, join the optional evening activity below (not included).

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Overnight: Hanoi (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 5 Hanoi - Tam Coc, Ninh Binh

This morning, depart to Tam Coc, in the Ninh Binh province, where you will enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Upon arrival, your guide will take you to Hoa Lu, the ancient royal capital of Vietnam. Visit the Dinh King and Le King temples from the 10th Century, learning about the heroic histories of these two kings during the Chinese wars.

Afterwards, continue to Tam Coc, where you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, enjoy a bamboo boat ride on the Hoang Long River to see Tam Coc (three caves). It takes

approximately two hours to go up and down the river, and along the way witness local fisherfolk, village life and the striking limestone karst formations that Tam Coc is famous for.

In the early evening, arrive at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Ninh Binh (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 6 Trang An Grotto - Bich Dong Pagoda

After breakfast, drive to the Trang An Ecotourism Complex.

This site is of worldwide value for geological, geomorphological, archaeological and aesthetic tectonics and has been honoured by UNESCO as a Natural World Heritage site. Here, enjoy another 2-hour bamboo boat journey to admire its wonderful beauty, known as "Ha Long Bay on land."

Enjoy a lovely lunch at a local restaurant with many traditional dishes and Vietnamese tea before continuing onwards to Bich Dong Pagoda.

Overnight: Ninh Binh (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 7 Ninh Binh – Pu Luong Nature Reserve

After breakfast, head to Pu Luong Nature Reserve with a stop at Phat Diem Church to admire its architectural beauty. Upon arrival in Pu Luong Nature Reserve, check into your accommodation and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.



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Please note: Accommodation in Pu Luong Nature Reserve will be at properties located in beautiful locations on hillsides. These properties may require you to walk up multiple steps to access your room without a lift service, but the views are worth it.

Overnight: Pu Luong Nature Reserve (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Kho Muong Village and Ban Don Village

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Overnight: Pu Luong Nature Reserve (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Hieu Waterfall

After breakfast, depart for Hieu Village and begin an easy trek to Hieu Waterfall. Walk along the small road trail, through the terrace by the green and yellow rice fields and jungle to reach Hieu Waterfall. Take the opportunity to swim at this beautiful waterfall or admire it from below. Afterwards, return to the hotel and enjoy your own time at leisure at the retreat.



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Overnight: Pu Luong Nature Reserve (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Pu Luong - Hanoi

After breakfast, take your time to relax at the resort or explore the village. Late in the morning, depart Pu Luong for Hanoi.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hanoi (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Hanoi, Vietnam

Today your tour concludes. Make your own onward travel arrangements from Hanoi, Vietnam.

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Upon arrival in Hanoi, check into the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hanoi (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Hanoi - Hoi An

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to Da Nang.

Upon arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hoi An.

Overnight: Hoi An (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Hoi An - Day at Leisure

Spend the day exploring the city or join one or both of the optional activities below (not included).

Optional Activity: Discover My Son, a UNESCO World Heritage-Listed site

Depart early for the journey to My Son (approximately 40 kilometres, 75 minutes), one of the most extensive collections of Cham remains and a UNESCO World Heritage Listed site.

My Son was once the capital and religious centre of the Champa Kingdom and is believed to be the longest-inhabited archaeological site in Indochina. Wander through what remains of the 7th to 13th century BC temples that once stood here and imagine the influence of the former kingdom. Located in a valley overlooked by Hon Quap (Cat's Tooth Mountain), the sides of which are covered in thick jungle, these mountains are the source of the Thu Bon River, a holy river that flows through the site.

After lunch at a local restaurant (included), return to Hoi An. Please see current pricing in Important Information or at checkout.

Optional Activity: Explore a Local Market and Join a Cooking Class

This afternoon, head to Hoi An's colourful local market and soak in the buzzing atmosphere, breathe in the aromas, and take the opportunity to interact with the local sellers. Accompanied by your local chef, purchase some ingredients for your cooking workshop. Continue to Tra Que, a picturesque village a short distance from the centre of town, and meet some of the farmers.



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Before stepping inside to start your workshop, learn more about this community farm project and the traditional techniques, including fertilising with seaweed. Watch as the chef guides you through several home-style recipes, including a savoury pancake wrapped in rice paper, before sitting down to savour your dishes. Please see current pricing in Important Information or at checkout.

Overnight: Hoi An (Premium or Luxury Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Hoi An - Day at Leisure

Today, enjoy another day at leisure to continue exploring this fascinating town. Alternatively, take the opportunity to join the optional tour below (not included).

Optional Tour: Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Full-Day Tour

Early this morning, be picked up from the hotel and travel to Ba Na Hill Station on the outskirts of Da Nang. Take a cable car to Ba Na Hills to enjoy amazing views. Visit an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar), a flower garden - Le Jardin D'amour, Linh Ung Pagoda, a wax statue museum and the iconic Golden Bridge.

Afterwards, enjoy free time exploring this resort park and enjoy lunch. In the afternoon, return to Hoi An and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Please see current pricing in Important Information or at checkout.

Overnight: Hoi An (Premium or Luxury Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Hoi An -Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, be transferred to nearby Da Nang airport for your onward flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), located in the south of the country (approximately a 1.5-hour flight).

Upon arrival, be picked up and transferred to your hotel accommodation and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (Premium or Luxury Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Ho Chi Minh City - Day at Leisure

Today, enjoy a day at leisure to discover Ho Chi Minh City or take the opportunity to join the fantastic half-day tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels (not included).

Optional Tour: Cu Chi Tunnels

Journey approximately 60 kilometres to the Cu Chi Tunnels, constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the country's long fight for independence. Watch a short introduction video to learn more about their construction before exploring a section of tunnels used as hospitals, schools, kitchens, weapon storage, command centres and living quarters.

The hidden tunnel system was an excellent way for the Vietcong to move around the countryside undetected by foreign troops. At one stage, the tunnels were home to around 10,000 people. View the remains of American tanks and numerous bomb craters before returning to Ho Chi Minh City, where you will have the option of being dropped back at the hotel, or at the nearby War



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Remnants Museum (entrance not included). Afterwards, spend the remainder of the day at leisure. Please see current pricing in Important Information or at checkout.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (Premium or Luxury Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Today your tour concludes. Make your own onward travel arrangements from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Please note: Standard hotel check-out time is 10:00.

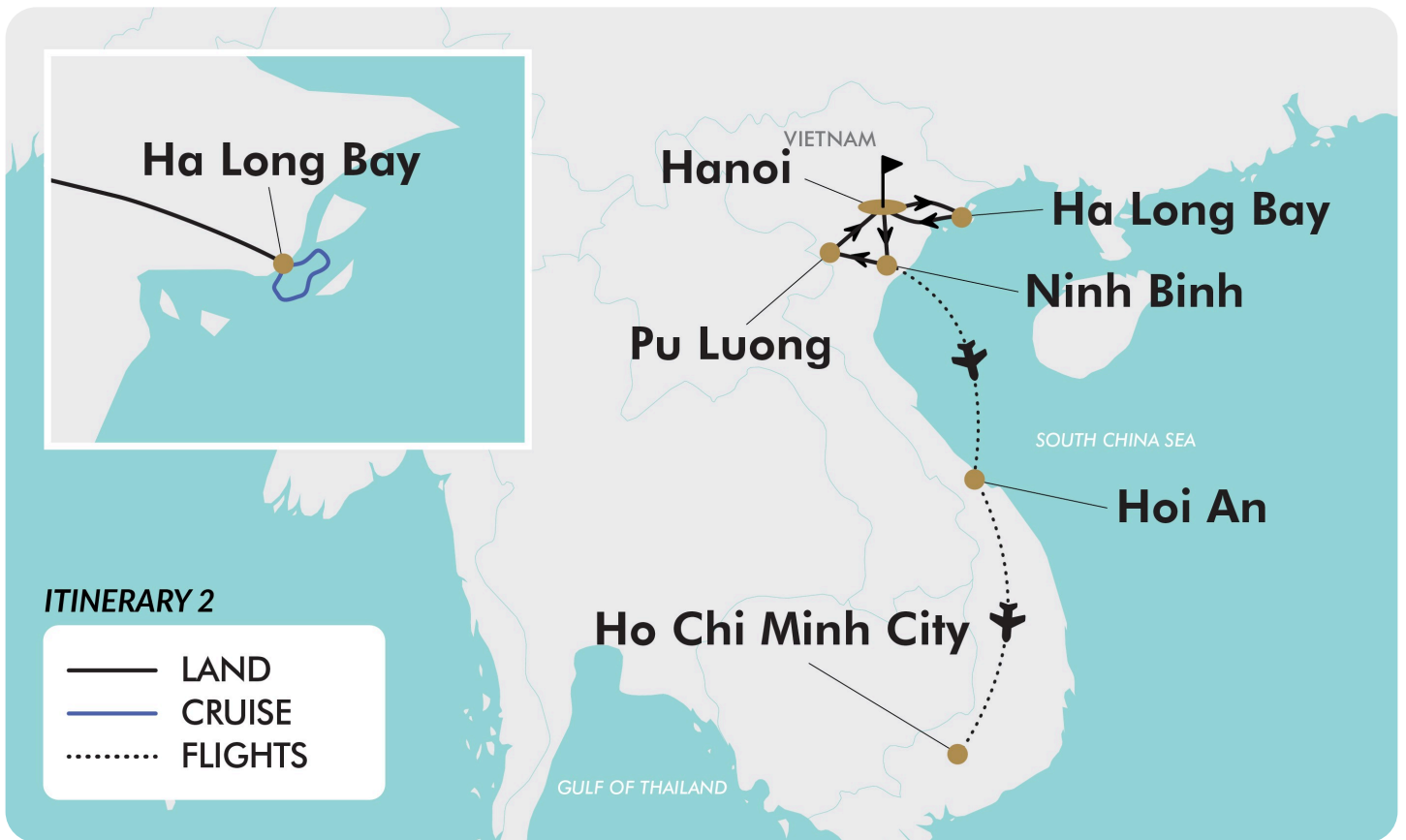
Meals included: Breakfast



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Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy small-group touring with a maximum 20 travellers
- Experience the welcoming hospitality and culture of Vietnam
- Sail among the tranquil waters and limestone islands of Ha Long Bay
- Discover life in Hanoi on a guided walking tour of Hanoi
- Explore the stunning nature and quaint villages of Pu Luong Reserve
- Visit the traditional Thai villages of Kho Muong and Ban Don
- Enjoy a leisurely trek to the beautiful Hieu Waterfall
- Marvel at the towering limestone karst formations on a boat ride in Tam Coc
- Visit Bich Dong Pagoda, first built in 1428 on the Truong Yen limestone mountains range

CRUISE

- Overnight Ha Long Bay cruise

ACCOMMODATION

Standard:

- 6 nights of 4-star hotel accommodation
- 3 nights of 3-star resort accommodation at Pu Luong Nature Reserve

Luxury:

- 6 nights of 5-star hotel accommodation
- 3 nights of 4-star resort accommodation at Pu Luong Nature Reserve

DINING

- 15 meals including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

Extension: 16-day with Hoi An & Ho Chi Minh City

- All of the above, plus the following:
- 2 internal flights from Hanoi to Hoi An, and from Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City
- 5 additional nights of premium or luxury hotel accommodation
- 5 additional meals

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Flights

Return international airfares are not included in this package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.

We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.

TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation that your trip will be proceeding.

Our Policies

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- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
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- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable** ; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us. If your plans change, you can receive a full refund (excluding credit card fees) if you cancel at least 12 months in advance to your scheduled departure date.

To read more about our Cancellation and

Refund Policy, please [click here](#).

General Terms and Conditions

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Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21 December 2027.

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Premium

11 Day Package: \$700

16 Day Package: \$1100

Luxury

11 Day Package: \$970

16 Day Package: \$1600

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, 18 years old and over, to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Internal Flights

Domestic Flight Information (16-Day Extension Package Only)

Baggage allowance per person:

- Hand carry-on luggage: 7 kilograms

Important Information

- Checked baggage allowance: 20 kilograms

Accommodation

Accommodation Used: Premium Package

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Hanoi: Flower Garden Hotel or similar
- Ninh Binh: The Reed Hotel or similar
- Hoi An: River Beach Resort & Residences or similar
- Ho Chi Minh City: Muong Thanh Saigon Centre Hotel or similar

3-Star Properties

- Pu Luong: Pu Luong Eco Garden or similar

Not Rated

- Ha Long Bay: Le Journey Cruise or similar

Accommodation Used: Luxury Package

5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Hanoi: Pan Pacific Hanoi or similar
- Ninh Binh: Ninh Binh Legend or similar
- Hoi An: La Siesta Hoi An Resort & Spa or similar
- Ho Chi Minh City: Hotel Majestic Saigon or similar

4-Star Properties (self-rated)

- Pu Luong: Ebino Pu Luong Resort or similar

Luxury Package (Not Rated)

- Ha Long Bay: Mila Cruise or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your

travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Optional Tours/activities

- Day 4: Traditional Vietnamese dinner and water puppet show - \$60 per person

Itinerary 2 Only

- Day 12: Discover UNESCO-listed My Son - \$80 per person
- Day 12: Local Market & Cooking Class - \$60 per person
- Day 13: Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Full-Day Tour - \$170 per person
- Day 15: Cu Chi Tunnels tour - \$70 per person

Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions*
- *The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).*

Exclusions

- Arrival and departure flights
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Highly recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Gratuities / Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The highly recommended tip if you are happy with the services received is \$10 AUD per person per day paid in local currency. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour. For days where no touring is provided, but transfer services are provided, tipping is optional, but appreciated by drivers/guides. For free days at leisure tipping is not expected.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Important Information

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Hanoi

Hanoi features a warm humid subtropical climate with plentiful precipitation. The city experiences the typical climate of northern Vietnam, with 4 distinct seasons. Summer, from May until August, is characterised by hot and humid weather with abundant rainfall usually falling in the afternoons. September to October is Autumn, characterised by a decrease in temperature and precipitation. Winter, from November to January, is dry and cool by national standards. The city is usually cloudy and foggy in winter, averaging only 1.5 hours of sunshine per day in February and March.

Pu Luong

Pu Luong also has four distinct seasons in North Viet Nam: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. As in the sub-tropical climate zone, the temperature in Pu Luong normally falls between 18 °C and 38 °C. It is said that the best time to visit Pu Luong is during its two crops harvesting times: from late May to early June or in September and October. From the top of the valley, you can see the panoramic of stunning evenly rice fields covering stepped-like mountainous slopes and surrounded by immense green forests in the sunlight. The fall climate in September and October will be more suitable for Westerners than the hot and humid summer months. But there is something more about this land to discover than it is just in its golden time and to avoid peak travel season.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

INTERNAL FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the

vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility:

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A moderate level of fitness will be required. This tour will involve some walking on uneven hiking trails and some steep sections in Pu Luong Nature reserve. Guests should be comfortable walking 1-3 hours a day. Guests using any walking aid other than a walking stick would be advised to reconsider as surfaces may be uneven. Accommodation in Pu Luong will require you to walk up stairs to access your room.

Please note:

- *It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

Sightseeing:

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and

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prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Vietnam

Australian passport holders are eligible to apply online for a single entry electronic visa (e-visa), valid for up to a maximum of 90 days. Lodge your application online (for a non-refundable fee) with the Vietnamese National Web Portal of Immigration. You will be given a unique code to track your visa application status. Once your visa is granted, you must print it out and present it at check in. Keep this e-visa print out with you at all times during your travel in Vietnam.

Your Port Of Entry will be the first port you fly into in Vietnam. For example, if you are flying from Australia to Ho Chi Minh City and onwards to Hanoi on Day 1 for the beginning of your tour, your Port of Entry will be Ho Chi Minh City (Tan Son Nhat International Airport)

When asked about your 'Intended length of stay in Vietnam' we suggest you input 30 days regardless of when you intend to exit. This can be done at no additional cost and will cause no issues if you depart Vietnam earlier. By doing this, it will give you more flexibility to account for any unexpected issues such as flight delays or accidents that may require you to stay in the country a couple of days longer.

Some private online visa services and travel agents have scammed travellers or been involved in the public disclosure of the personal information of applicants for visas and 'visa issued on arrival' approval letters. To avoid such scams, only use official Government of Vietnam services to arrange your visa. Visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as currency, customs

and quarantine regulations) change regularly. Contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Vietnam for up-to-date information.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance>

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested

by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.