

Ultimate Northern Vietnam Adventure

With The Ha Giang Loop Motorbike Tour



A Deeper Journey Through the Cultural Heart of Vietnam

This 14-day small group journey through Northern Vietnam is a once-in-a-lifetime experience designed for travellers who want more than just a typical holiday.

Travelling in a group of approximately 10 people, you'll explore everything from the vibrant streets of Hanoi to the terraced mountains of Sapa, the limestone landscapes of Ninh Binh, and the remote mountain passes of Ha Giang.

This is not a rushed, tick-the-box itinerary. It's a carefully designed journey that balances adventure, culture, and social connection without the overwhelm of large group tours or the emptiness of resort-style travel.

This is a fixed -date tour with all accommodation, transport, guides, and key experiences organised in advance, so you can focus on enjoying it.

Day 1: Welcome to Hanoi



Xin Chao! Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's buzzing capital where French-colonial charm meets centuries-old tradition. Your guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in the lively Old Quarter. Explore this vibrant district, taking in the street food, craft shops and cafes. Visit Hoan Kiem lake, which provides a tranquil escape in this bustling city. Here you'll see the Turtle Tower and Ngoc Son Temple. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese dishes and settle in for your first night.

Day 2: Discovering Hanoi's Culture and Flavours

Experience Hanoi's fascinating mix of history and modern energy. Visit landmarks such as the Temple of Literature, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Museum of Ethnology to learn about the rich history and culture of Vietnam. In the evening, join a street food tour to sample Hanoi's legendary cuisine, from banh xeo to egg coffee in a hidden café. End your evening with a traditional water-puppet show, or a visit to the famous Train Street.



Day 3: Hanoi to Sapa: Into the Mountains



After breakfast, leave the city behind and journey toward the misty peaks of Sapa, the gateway to Vietnam's northwest highlands and home to several ethnic minority groups. The journey offers stunning views of terraced rice fields, mountain passes and remote farming villages. Arrive in Sapa by afternoon, where cooler air and vibrant hill-tribe culture await. Take a short walk through town or the nearby valley before dinner, soaking in the atmosphere of this scenic mountain retreat.

Day 4: Sapa Trekking & Ethnic Villages

Wake to fresh mountain air and a panorama of rolling hills. Today's adventure takes you on foot through Sapa's picturesque valleys, passing terraced fields and small villages home to Hmong and Dzay ethnic communities. Your local guide will share stories about daily life and traditions in these highlands, while you enjoy a peaceful walk among some of Vietnam's most iconic scenery. Sapa offers treks of all sizes and difficulties from gentle strolls to difficult mountain trails, so your group can decide on what you'd prefer.



Day 5: Sapa to Ninh Binh – “The Inland Ha Long Bay”



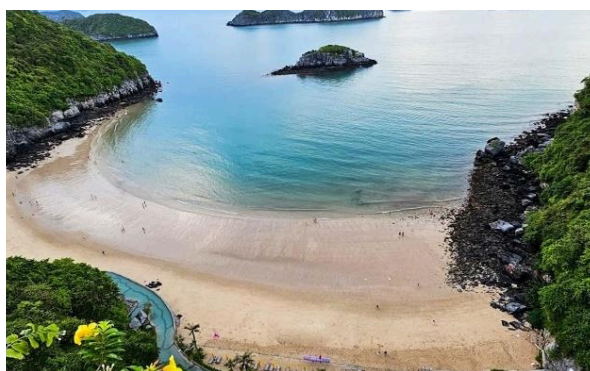
After breakfast, set off on the journey south to Ninh Binh, often called “Ha Long Bay on land.” The long scenic drive passes rice paddies, limestone hills and quiet rural towns. Arrive by late afternoon, in time to climb the steps at Hang Mua Viewpoint for incredible sunset views over the valley. Settle into your countryside retreat surrounded by karst peaks and winding rivers.

Day 6: Exploring Ninh Binh’s Beauty and Heritage

Start the day with a visit to the Bai Dinh Pagoda complex, the largest Buddhist temple site in Vietnam. Explore its massive bronze statues, serene courtyards and the towering 13-story stupa offering views over the surrounding countryside. Later, enjoy a sampan boat ride through Tam Coc, where limestone cliffs rise dramatically from emerald rice fields. In the afternoon, cycle through quiet village paths or relax at your lodge before having a local dinner.



Day 7: Ninh Binh to Cat Ba Island



Travel east toward the Gulf of Tonkin and board the ferry to Cat Ba Island, the largest island on the Ha Long Archipelago. After checking into your hotel, spend the afternoon exploring Cat Ba Town, relaxing on the beach, or taking a short hike in Cat Ba National Park. In the evening, enjoy fresh seafood and the laid-back coastal atmosphere.

Day 8: Soaking in Lan Ha Bay With An Overnight Cruise

Board your private cruise for an unforgettable journey through Lan Ha Bay, the quieter and equally stunning neighbour of Ha Long Bay. Glide past towering limestone pillars and hidden lagoons, with opportunities for kayaking, swimming, squid fishing or visiting a floating fishing village. Enjoy a freshly prepared lunch onboard and learn how to make Vietnamese spring rolls in an evening cooking class. From here you'll be anchoring in a sheltered bay for an overnight stay.



Day 9: From Lan Ha Bay to the Mountains



Wake up on the water and enjoy your final moments in Lan Ha Bay before returning to the mainland. After lunch, travel back to Hanoi where you'll have time to freshen up, grab food, and reset before the next stage of the journey. In the evening, board a comfortable VIP sleeper bus as you leave the city behind and head north toward Ha Giang, the gateway to one of the most spectacular regions in Southeast Asia. You will arrive quite late and start the tour the next morning.

Day 10: Ha Giang Loop Motorbike Tour Begins

For this part of the journey, we work with a trusted local team who specialise in the Ha Giang Loop, ensuring a safe, authentic and immersive experience. After breakfast, meet your local drivers and guides and set off on the legendary Ha Giang Loop. Today introduces you to the dramatic landscapes of northern Vietnam. Winding mountain roads, deep valleys, waterfall swims and quiet villages far removed from the typical tourist trail.



Day 11: Into the Mountains



Continue deeper into Ha Giang Province, riding through some of the most breathtaking scenery in Vietnam. Pass through remote ethnic minority villages, stop at panoramic viewpoints, and experience a side of Vietnam that few travellers ever see. Expect a full day of exploration, balanced with regular stops to take in the views and connect with your surroundings.

Day 12: Remote Roads & Local Life

Another full day on the loop brings even more variety. Mountain passes, rivers, and traditional communities. This is where the experience goes beyond scenery. You'll gain a deeper understanding of life in these regions, shaped by culture, geography and history. Evenings are spent sharing meals, stories, and experiences with your group; often becoming a highlight in themselves.



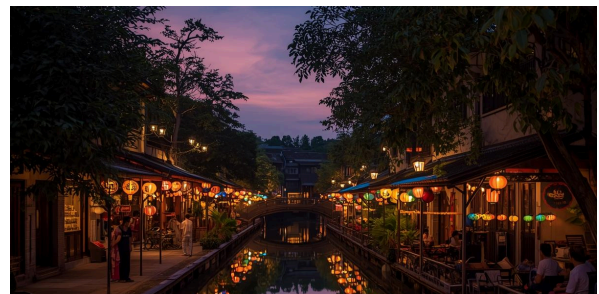
Day 13: Final Loop & Return to Hanoi



Complete the final stretch of the Ha Giang Loop before returning to base in the afternoon. From here, travel back to Hanoi where a comfortable hotel and a proper night's sleep await after several days of adventure.

Day 14: Final Loop & Return to Hanoi

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast and a slow final morning in Hanoi. There are no scheduled activities today, giving you flexibility depending on your flight time. You might revisit the Old Quarter, grab one last coffee or simply take it easy before your journey home.



Pricing

The price for this small group tour is based on shared accommodation and a minimum group size of 8 travellers.

Tour Price:

€1,700 / £1,460 / USD \$1,980 per person

A **single occupancy supplement of €255 / £220 / USD \$300** applies for travellers who require their own room for the duration of the tour.

Payments are broken into manageable instalments as follows:

- 30% Upfront Deposit
- 40% Middle Payment
- 30% Final Payment 45 Days Prior to Departure

This price includes:

- All accommodation (Mix of 3&4 star boutique stays, with more basic stays on The Ha Giang Loop)
- Private, air-conditioned transport throughout
- Expert local guides
- Selected meals
- All activities and entrance fees listed in the itinerary

We do not offer international flights or visas as part of our service. However we are happy to advise you on your best flight options and visa requirements.

Next Steps

- If you'd like to join this tour, a deposit of 30% is required to secure your place.
- The deposit remains **fully refundable** until the minimum group size is met.
- The tour will be confirmed once minimum numbers are met.
- This deposit can be paid on our website here: [Secure Your Place](#)
- Alternatively, one of our team members can take your payment directly and answer any questions you have.

Spaces on this tour are secured on a first-come, first-served basis so to avoid disappointment we recommend paying the deposit within the allotted time.

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