

# Highlights of North Vietnam

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Lao Cai, Sa Pa

10 Days  
from

# \$2500



including airfare



#### Prices:

From Sydney/Melbourne \$2,500 (2 pax minimum\*)  
From Adelaide/Brisbane \$2,750 (2 pax minimum\*)  
Single Room Supplement: A\$380 Land Only: \$1,550

#### Departure Dates:

2010: 12 JUL, 16 AUG, 13 SEP, 11 OCT, 15 OCT  
2011: 17 JAN, 14 FEB, 21 MAR, 18 APR, 16 MAY, 20 JUN

#### Price includes:

International airfare in economy class with Vietnam Airlines  
Airport taxes and fuel surcharges  
Transfers and tours including admission fees with an English-speaking guide  
One bottle of mineral water per day  
Twin-sharing accommodation  
Meals as specified in itinerary  
Domestic round trip train: Hanoi/Lao Cai/Hanoi, 4-berth Superior cabin

#### Price excludes:

Vietnam visa fee (AUD80.00)  
Tipping for tour guide and driver  
Personal expenses  
\* This tour is based on minimum 2 passengers.



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Airport taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change without prior notice

# Itinerary

## Day 01: Australia – Hanoi

Fly from Australia to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam on Vietnam Airlines. Upon arrival, met with the tour guide and transferred to the hotel for 2 nights.

## Day 02: Hanoi (B/L)

Hanoi, a city of lakes, shaded boulevards and public parks. It is a very attractive city with French style buildings and friendly people. Today, enjoy a city tour of Hanoi with lunch at the local restaurant. The tour includes One Pillar Pagoda, designed to resemble a lotus blossom, Temple of Literature, HoAn Kiem Lake, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and St. Joseph Cathedral. After lunch, take a rickshaw to "Old Quarters" where you can do your shopping for all local handicrafts

## Day 03: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

After breakfast, drive to Halong Bay then cruise aboard a traditional Junk with facilities of the highest standard; double cabins with suite bathrooms, a spacious dining room serving traditional Vietnamese cuisine, plus a large sun deck area. Seafood lunch is served on board while cruising passes Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island, Sung Sot cave, before stopping at Titov beach for a swim. Dinner is served on the boat as the sun setting

## Day 04: Halong Bay – Hanoi – Lao Cai (B/L)

Enjoy breakfast on board, while continuing to cruise around the waters of the bays, visiting Man's Head Island, Tortoise Island, and Luon Cave. Return to the pier just before noon, disembark and drive back to Hanoi train station for an overnight train to Sapa

## Day 05: Lao Cai – Sa Pa (B / L)

Arrive at Lao Cai at 0600, transfer to Sa Pa, a hill station built in 1922 which lies in a beautiful valley. Sa Pa has both Hmong and Dzao people, the largest and most colourful ethnic groups in the region. Take a half-day excursion to Tram Ton Pass for spectacular views of swirling clouds over a deep green mountainous valley. Visit the Silver Waterfall on the way. Overnight in Sa Pa for 2 nights.

## Day 06: Sa Pa (B/L)

Full day excursion to Bac Ha Market with boat trip on the Chay River, experience the life of the ethnic minorities. Afterwards, enjoy a short trek to a Tay village and board a boat for a scenic ride on the Chay River.

## Day 07: Sa Pa – Hanoi (B/L)

Excursion to Ta Phin to visit Red Dzao hilltribe and Cat Cat Black Hmong villages where people still wear their traditional, colourful embroidering clothing. On the way passing a cascading waterfall, rice fields. Arriving at Lao Cai train station to board an overnight train back to Hanoi

## Day 08: Hanoi (B)

Arriving in Hanoi early in the morning, meet with the tour guide and transfer for breakfast at the local restaurant then check in at the hotel for 1 night  
Afternoon at leisure

## Day 09: Hanoi – Australia (B)

Morning, enjoy your last minute shopping before transfer to the airport for an overnight flight back to Australia

## Day 10: Australia

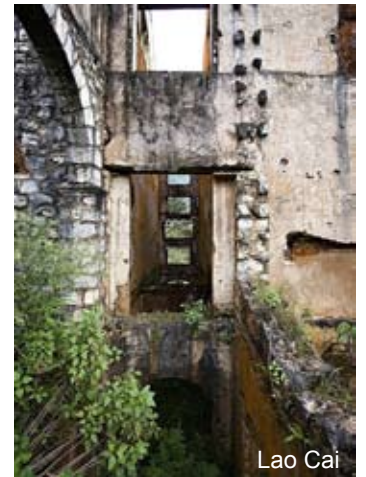
Morning arrive back in Australia.

## Hotel-list:

Hanoi: Maison D'Hanoi Hanova hotel (4-star)

Halong: on board Huong Hai Junk (traditional junk)

Sa Pa: Chau Long Sa Pa hotel (3-star)



Lao Cai



Hanoi

