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48 hours in Northern Vietnam

Ha Noi - Ninh Binh – Ha Long (3 Days)



(Image: Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex – Ninh Binh – Vietnam)

Trip information:

- **Guest's name:** []
- **Nationality:** []
- **Travel Period:** []
- **Number of group:** []
- **Destinations:** Ha Noi - Ninh Binh - Ha Long
- **Trip highlights:** *In just 48 hours, wander through Hanoi's vibrant soul, glide past Ninh Binh's dreamy karst rivers, and sail among Ha Long Bay's timeless limestone giants:*
 - ★ Uncover the vibrant energy of Hanoi, where ancient traditions meet modern life in bustling markets and historic landmarks.
 - ★ Journey to Ninh Binh and explore the UNESCO-listed Trang An Landscape Complex, drifting through limestone karsts and tranquil waterways.
 - ★ Step back in time at Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital, and admire centuries-old temples of the Dinh and Le dynasties.
 - ★ Marvel at the natural wonder of Ha Long Bay as you cruise past towering islets and savor a fresh seafood lunch onboard.



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- **Duration:** 03 days
- **Travel styles:** Nature & Active, Classic, Family, Beach
- **Start:** Ha Noi - **Finish:** Ha Noi
- **Physical:** Easy
- **Code:** NOR0301
- **Ages:** All ages
- **Group size:** 2-14 (Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or your group has more than 14 people).
- **Map link:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1HDISDWehN9k5x7ojgqci2x9grtdLFjA&usp=sharing>



● Price:

Price USD/pax	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7 pax	Group 8-9pax	Group 10-11 pax	Group 12-14 pax	Single surcharge
4-star	USD 388 per pax	USD 311 per pax	USD 282 per pax	USD 276 per pax	USD 265 per pax	USD 258 per pax	USD 84
5-star	USD 493 per pax	USD 416 per pax	USD 387 per pax	USD 381 per pax	USD 371 per pax	USD 364 per pax	USD 169
The above prices are valid from 2025 to 2026, except on public holidays, festivals and major events in Vietnam, during which a surcharge of 10% to 20% may apply.							
	4-star accommodation			5-star accommodation			
Ha Noi	La Meior Hanoi or similar: https://lamejorhotel.com/room/deluxe-room/ (Deluxe room)			Oriental Jade or similar https://theorientaljadehotel.com/accommodation/oriental-emerald-room (Oriental Emerald Room)			



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• **Trip Plan: (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner; ESG: English-speaking local guide)**

Day	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Arrival Hanoi – Ninh Binh sightseeing – Hanoi (ESG)	Hanoi	-/L/D
Day 2	Hanoi – Ha Long Bay Group Tour (6 hours) – Hanoi	Ha Noi	B/L/-
Day 3	Hanoi sightseeing – Departure (ESG)	N/A	B/L/-

Itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrival Hanoi – Ninh Binh sightseeing (ESG/-/L/D)

- Arrive in Hanoi. Depending on your arrival time in the morning, our **English-speaking local guide (ESG)** and driver will welcome you at the airport and transfer you for lunch.
- **13:00:** Depart for Ninh Binh.
- **15:30 – 17:00:** Enjoy a peaceful boat ride through the **Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This area is famed for its dramatic limestone caves, lush green mountains, and tranquil waterways—creating a breathtaking natural setting in the heart of the ancient capital.



(Image: Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex – Ninh Binh – Vietnam)



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- After the boat ride, visit **Hoa Lu**, Vietnam's former capital. Here, you'll explore historic relics including ancient temples and monuments, particularly the temples dedicated to King Dinh Tien Hoang and King Le Dai Hanh.



(Image: Hoa Lu Monument – Ninh Binh – Vietnam)

- **18:00:** Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese dinner at a local restaurant. Following by taking a leisurely stroll through the Hoa Lu Ancient Walking Street — a charming area filled with lanterns, local crafts, and echoes of Vietnam's royal past.
- **20:00:** Return to Hanoi.
- **22:00:** Arrive in Hanoi, check in to your hotel, and overnight stay in Ha Noi.

DAY 2: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay Group Tour (6 hours) – Hanoi (ESG/B/L/-)

- **08:30:** Our English-speaking guide will pick you up at your hotel and depart for Ha Long Bay. On the way, enjoy a short 20-minute break to try local specialties like green bean cake or browse for souvenirs.
- **11:50:** Arrive at Ha Long. The guide will assist you in boarding the cruise and settling in before lunch.
- As the cruise sets sail, enjoy a freshly prepared lunch onboard, then head to the sundeck to admire the breathtaking scenery of Ha Long Bay, home to thousands of limestone karsts and islets.
- The first stop is Sung Sot Cave (Surprise Cave) – one of the most magnificent and largest caves in the bay.



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(Image: Sung Sot Cave – Ha Long – Vietnam)

- Next, visit Luon Cave Village, where you can choose between kayaking or a bamboo boat ride to explore the cave and surrounding area.



(Image: Luon Cave – Ha Long – Vietnam)



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- Continue to Titop Island, where you can swim in the clear waters or hike to the top of the island for a spectacular panoramic view of the bay.
- Afterward, return to the cruise for a relaxing **sunset party** with wine and fresh fruits on deck, the perfect way to unwind while watching the sun set over Ha Long Bay.
- **Luon Cave** remains one of the **must-see highlights**, offering a unique and serene experience amidst towering cliffs and calm waters.
- The cruise then returns to the harbor.
- **18:00** – Board your vehicle for the return trip to Hanoi.
- **20:30** – Arrive back in Hanoi. Dinner at your leisure.
- Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3: Hanoi sightseeing – Departure (ESG/B/L/-)

- **08:00:** After breakfast at the hotel, check out. Spend the morning sightseeing in Hanoi, visiting **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (closed on Mondays and Fridays), the **Presidential Palace**, **One Pillar Pagoda**, and **Tran Quoc Pagoda**.



(Image: 1. Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum; 2. One Pillar Pagoda – Ha Noi – Vietnam)

- Have lunch at a local restaurant.
- Depending on your flight schedule **in the afternoon**, our guide will ensure you arrive at the airport for your next destination.

Thank you for joining us, and have a nice trip!



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Inclusion:

- ✓ Good air-conditioned private 7-seat car (for 2-3 pax)/ 16-seat minivan (for 4-8 pax)/ 29-seat coach (for 9-14 pax) as per the above itinerary.
- ✓ Water in the car: 2 bottles of 500ml per pax/visiting day.
- ✓ English-speaking local guides (02 days) as mentioned in the above itinerary.
- *Surcharge (if any):**
 - Thailand/French-speaking local guide (USD 6/day/group)
 - German/Mandarin-Chinese/Korean-speaking local guide (USD 20/day/group)
 - Spanish-speaking local guide (USD 40/day/group).
- ✓ Accommodation including breakfast (B).
- ✓ All entrance fee for sightseeing: Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex, Hoa Lu ancient capital, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Presidential Palace, One Pillar pagoda.
- ✓ 6-hour Ha Long Bay Group Tour including 1 buffet lunch with entrance tickets + **sharing tour guide + transfer by limousine Hanoi – Ha Long – Hanoi.**
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner): 02 lunches on day 1,3 + 01 dinner on day 1.

Exclusion:

- ✗ Bank transfer fees
- ✗ Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- ✗ Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Vietnam visa (the passport must be valid for over 6 months and have 3 blank pages)
- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in the itinerary and beverages during meals
- ✗ Airfare (If applicable)
- ✗ Tips for guides and drivers (Suggested amount: \$3-5 per person per day). Tipping is optional and should reflect the quality of service received.

Children Policy:

- The child rate applies to one child sharing a twin or double room with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): **free of charge, except for domestic ticket cost.**
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% of the adult rate.
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% of the adult rate.
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% of the adult rate.

Payment & Deposit Terms:

To ensure that all parties meet their respective obligations, we outline our standard payment terms below:

Deposit: A confirmation and invoice will be sent to the customer within 24 hours of receiving the booking. A deposit of 50% of the total tour cost or full payment is required,



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depending on the specific tour arrangements and the terms outlined in the invoice. Payment can be made through any of our online payment methods.

Final Payment: The deadline for the remaining balance will depend on the services booked and will be communicated by our travel consultant and via the invoice during the booking process.

Cancellations & Refund Policy:

Each local supplier and partner have its own specific cancellation terms, which will determine the applicable cancellation fees. Detailed information about these policies can be found on the individual service pages, particularly under the Rate & Availability section. If a customer decides to discontinue the tour midway, no refund or exchange will be issued. Additionally, no compensation will be provided for any services that remain unused during the tour.

Tours (from 4 days and above)

- More than 90 days before arrival date: FREE of charge.
- From 60 to 90 days before arrival date: 20% of the total rate.
- From 30 to 59 days before arrival date: 30% of the total rate.
- From 15 to 29 days before arrival date: 50% of the total rate.
- From 7 to 14 days before arrival date: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 7 days before arrival date or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

Short Tours (1 – 3 days)

- More than 4 days prior: 50% of the total rate.
- From 1 to 4 days prior: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 1 day prior or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

Important notes:

Immigration process:

For visa-on-arrival: Present a valid passport and, if applicable, an entry letter to the customs officer for visa stamping.

For e-visa holders: Present your valid passport and e-visa (or a printed copy) at the immigration checkpoint. No stamp is required.

Weather:

Vietnam's unique geography creates a range of weather patterns, with both tropical and temperate zones. The best weather nationwide is from **March to May**, so if you're planning a trip to Vietnam, consider visiting during this time for the most enjoyable weather.

📍 Regional Weather Guide

Northern Vietnam: In the northern areas of Vietnam there are four seasons.

Recommended time to travel to North Vietnam: **March – April & August – November**



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- December - March: Cool to cold, misty, cloudy
- April - June: Warm to hot, clear skies, sunny
- June - August: Stormy, hot, humid
- September - November: Mix of sun and clouds, warm to cool

 **Pack Accordingly:** Pack lightweight clothing for hot weather and a raincoat or umbrella for the rainy season.

Note when checking in for domestic flights in Vietnam:

- When checking in, please bring: Passport (valid for more than 06 months). For expatriates and foreigners entering with a separate visa, please bring your passport, visa, and customs declaration when traveling
- You should be at the airport 90 minutes before departure time and carry light luggage, not too bulky.
- Please bear the incurred costs and responsibility if you have a request to change the itinerary, flight date and time, or if there is incorrect information according to the regulations of the airlines.
- Do not leave sharp objects, knives, scissors, etc. or liquids in your hand luggage. All power banks should be placed in hand luggage.
- Self-consciously preserve your luggage during the trip (at hotels and attractions). Keep all important documents related to immigration procedures, such as airline tickets, passports, cash, and valuable personal items, in the safety box provided at your hotel. Avoid leaving them in your room or locking them in your suitcase in case of theft. *Consider taking photos of all identification and important information to save on your phone for easy access if needed.*
- Vietnam Lovely Travel will not be responsible if the carrier and aviation security refuse to transport due to error in the above information.
- Some order and details in the program may change to suit the objective situation (weather, traffic, etc...).
- You should bring special medicine (according to a doctor's prescription) if you are being treated for a chronic illness.

Do I need to purchase travel insurance before traveling in Vietnam?

Absolutely. All passengers traveling with Vietnam Lovely Travel are required to purchase travel insurance before the start of their trip. Your travel insurance details will be recorded by your tour guide on the first day of the trip. Due to the varying nature, availability and



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cost of health care around the world, travel insurance is very much an essential and necessary part of every journey.

Money matters:

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveler is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while traveling.

- Vietnamese Dong (VND) is the currency of Vietnam.
- ATMs: Check if your card is compatible with local ATMs before traveling to Vietnam. Using an ATM card will help ensure safety during your travel. However, you should also bring a small amount of cash for services, shopping, meals, etc., when needed.
- Scam alert: Be careful of street vendors and local markets using similar colors of 500,000 VND and 20,000 VND bills to scam visitors.
- **Counterfeit money:** There are some counterfeit banknotes in circulation in Vietnam, particularly for the 500,000 VND, the biggest Vietnam currency note, so you should only exchange money at reputable places or consult your tour guide for advice.
- **Keep small bills on hand:** Many vendors and small businesses may not have change for larger denominations, so it's helpful to keep smaller bills on hand.
- **Notify your bank:** If you plan to use your credit or debit card in Vietnam, notify your bank beforehand to avoid any issues with your account being flagged for suspicious activity.
- USD to VND current exchange rate: 1 USD ~ 25,000 - 26,000 VND (change cash in jewelry shops, the exchange rates are often better than in a bank or at the airport).
- QR code payment: widely accepted in many urban areas in Vietnam.
- Are credit cards accepted widely in Vietnam?
USD and Major credit cards are widely accepted at large shops, hotels and restaurants in Vietnam. However, smaller vendors, family-run eateries, markets, and rural areas may only accept cash. Carry enough cash for as a backup, especially outside cities.

Dining: Please inform your operator or guide in advance if you have any **dietary restrictions or food allergies**.

Phone and internet access:

- With the modern world you may want to bring along tablets or smartphones for the children to document their adventure - there are a wide variety of apps out there which we suggest downloading before you depart. There will be opportunities to charge (just make sure you bring the correct adapter) and there will be wi-fi available in most of the hotels/restaurants on the tour, although it will probably not be at the speeds you are used to at home and it won't be available everywhere.



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- E-sim can be a good option for you (less than 10 USD/sim card)

Electricity and adapter: 220V - 50Hz. If you are using different ones, our local guide can help you buy an adapter for not more than 1 USD.

Accommodation:

- Check-in: Usually between 14:00–15:00 (can be later on weekends, in peak seasons, or at 5-star hotels).
- Check-out: Typically, before 11:00–12:00.
- Early check-in & late check-out: Subject to room availability and hotel policy; charges may apply.
- Amenities: Basic amenities like a toothbrush, towel, comb, hairdryer, and iron are provided in all hotels.

Laundry: Local laundry services outside the hotel may offer better rates. However, for expensive clothing, it's safer to use hotel laundry to avoid any risk of damage.

Shopping: At local markets, bargaining is common and expected. You can often negotiate 10–30% off the initial price for local goods.

Safety: To protect your belongings, always keep your bag or purse in front of you, especially in crowded areas.

Business Hours:

- Offices: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Monday to Friday). Most are closed on Saturdays.
- Shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues: Typically, open from 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily.

Is tipping compulsory in Vietnam?

Tipping is not mandatory or a common custom in Vietnam. However, it is greatly appreciated by service staff—such as waiters, hotel porters, drivers, and tour guides—especially when they provide exceptional service. Even a small tip can make a big difference and is considered a gesture of kindness and respect.