

# Luxe Cruising: Ha Long to Lan Ha Bay (3 Days 2 Nights)



(Image: Ha Long Bay – Quang Ninh – Vietnam)

**Trip information**:

- Guest's name: []
- Nationality: []
- Travel Period: []
- Number of group: []
- Destinations: Ha Long Cat Ba
- **Trip highlights:** Sail through Ha Long and Lan Ha's emerald waters in refined luxury. Relax in a balcony suite, kayak past limestone cliffs, visit hidden villages, and savor sunset moments on a 5-star cruise made for indulgence.
  - Cruise through the stunning limestone landscapes of Ha Long Bay and immerse yourself in the calm, crystal-clear waters of Lan Ha Bay.
  - Paddle your kayak through the tranquil Tra Bau area, then take a refreshing swim surrounded by towering karst cliffs.
  - Visit Viet Hai Village on Cat Ba Island and stroll through lush greenery nestled between dramatic limestone mountains.
  - Discover the unspoiled beauty of Cat Ba Island and its hidden caves, rich ecosystems, and peaceful surroundings.
  - Try your luck with night squid fishing and unwind on deck while admiring the bay under a starlit sky.



- Duration: 03 days
- Travel styles: Luxury, Beach, Classic, Local Life, Family, Nature & Active
- Start: Ha Noi Finish: Ha Noi
- Physical: Easy
- Code: NOR0302
- 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:

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• Price:				
Price	Group			
USD/pax	2-14 pax			
5-star	USD 577 per pax			
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.				
	5-star accommodation			
Ha Long	Mon Cheri Cruise or similar:			
	https://www.monchericruises.com/mon-cheri-suite-terrace.html (Mon Cheri			
	Suite Terrace)			



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

Day	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi – Ha Long Bay – Lan Ha Bay	Ha Long cruise	-/L/D
Day 2	Lan Ha Bay – Viet Hai Village – Three Peaches Area	Ha Long cruise	B/L/D
Day 3	Lan Ha Bay – Cat Ba Island – Ha Long Bay – Ha Noi	N/A	B/L/-

# **Itinerary:**

# DAY 1: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay – Lan Ha Bay (L/D)

- 08:20 08:50: Sharing limousine bus picks guests up at hotels in Hanoi Old Quarter.
- **11:30**: Arrive at No.34, Tuan Chau Marina, Quang Ninh. Cruise team welcomes you at the lounge and assists with check-in.
- **12:00**: Transfer to a smaller boat to reach the main cruise ship via the bay. A short briefing on the itinerary will be given on the way.
- **12:30**: Board the cruise and receive a warm welcome with fresh drinks and wet towels.
- **13:00**: Enjoy lunch on board with a variety of fresh seafood and local delicacies while the cruise makes its way through the stunning landscape of Lan Ha Bay.



(Image: Lan Ha Bay – Vietnam)



• **15:30**: Visit **Tra Bau**, known for its untouched natural charm. Kayak through the calm waters to explore the limestone islands up close, or relax in the Jacuzzi onboard.



(Image: Tra Bau Area – Ha Long Bay – Vietnam)

- 17:30 18:30: Join a cooking demonstration and learn how to make traditional Vietnamese spring rolls. Head to the sundeck for sunset views over the Gulf of Tonkin. Enjoy Happy Hour at the bar with a Buy 1 Get 1 Free offer a perfect moment for capturing the sunset.
- **19:30**: Dinner is served in a romantic setting, featuring a selection of local dishes prepared by the cruise chef.
- **21:00 22:00**: Relax at the sky bar (surcharge), enjoy a spa session (optional), or simply unwind on the top deck under the night sky. Try your hand at squid fishing on the main deck.

# DAY 2: Lan Ha Bay – Viet Hai Village – Three Peaches Area (B/L/D)

- **06:00**: Start the morning with a Tai Chi session on the sundeck and watch the sunrise over the bay.
- 06:45 07:15: Breakfast is served at the onboard restaurant.



- 08:00 08:30: Guests board a day boat to explore further into Lan Ha Bay, cruising through calm and scenic waters. Alternatively, you may choose to stay and relax onboard.
- **10:30 11:00**: Arrive at Viet Hai jetty. Enjoy a cycling trip or an electric cart ride through lush forests and limestone mountains to reach **Viet Hai Village**. Discover local life and traditional architecture.



(Image: Viet Hai Village – Vietnam)

- **12:15 13:30**: Return to the day boat and enjoy lunch while cruising to the next activity spot.
- **13:30**: Go kayaking around a peaceful lagoon or swim directly from the boat.
- **16:30**: Return to the main cruise. Relax in the Jacuzzi pool and unwind with music and drinks on the deck.
- **17:30 18:30**: Take advantage of **Happy Hour** (Buy 1 Get 1 Free) while watching the sunset. Join a cooking demonstration to learn another variation of Vietnamese spring rolls.
- **19:30**: Dinner is served in the onboard restaurant.
- **21:00 22:00**: Enjoy the evening with music, cocktails (at your own expense), squid fishing, or simply relax in your cabin with views of the bay from your balcony.



# DAY 3: Lan Ha Bay – Cat Ba Island – Ha Long – Ha Noi (B/L/-)

- **06:00**: Start your morning with a Tai Chi session as the sun rises over the horizon.
- **06:45 07:15**: Enjoy breakfast onboard while the cruise heads toward Gia Luan jetty. (*Timing may vary depending on actual itinerary.*)
- 07:30 09:00: Transfer to visit Trung Trang Cave, located within the Cat Ba World Biosphere Reserve. Explore the limestone cave system with its fascinating stalactites and unique ecosystem.



(Image: Trung Trang Cave – Cat Ba– Vietnam)

- **09:30**: Return to the main vessel for cabin check-out. Luggage should be placed outside the cabin. Brunch is served at the restaurant. Settle any remaining charges at the reception desk.
- **10:30 11:00**: Disembark and transfer to Terminal #34, Big Bay Group, Tuan Chau Marina. Wait comfortably for luggage handling.
- **11:30 12:00**: Guests are ready for departure at Tuan Chau Marina. *Note: Itinerary may be adjusted based on weather or operational conditions.*
- **12:00:** Transfer back to Hanoi Old Quarter by shared limousine. End of the tour.

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



#### Inclusion:

- Shared limousine transfer from/to hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter
- Shared English-speaking guide throughout the trip
- Solution Accommodation in an air-conditioned en-suite cabin onboard
- Welcome drinks and warm/cold towels upon check-in
- ✓ All entrance fees and sightseeing tickets as per itinerary
- Sull-board meals on cruise: **7 meals total** 
  - 2 lunches (Day 1 & 2)
  - 2 dinners (Day 1 & 2)
  - 2 breakfasts (Day 2 & 3)
  - 1 brunch (Day 3)
- Morning Tai Chi session on the sundeck
- S Kayaking, night squid fishing, and swimming (*weather permitting*)
- Access to four-season mini pool and outdoor Jacuzzi

### **Exclusion:**

- Bank transfer fees
- Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- Iravel insurance
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- Personal expenses
- 8 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:

- 1 child under 5 years old sharing bed with parents: free of charge. 2nd child under 5 years old sharing bed with parents: 75% of adult rate.
- 5 under 11 years old sharing bed with parents: 75% of adult rate.
   5 under 11 years old sharing room with 1 adult: charged as twin share (100% of adult rate).
- 2 children under 11 years old sharing a room: charged as twin share (100% of adult rate).
- 1 child under 11 years old occupying a separate room: 80% of twin room rate.
- From 11 years old and above: 100% of 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, 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.

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• Northern Vietnam Weather Overview: Northern Vietnam has four distinct seasons, with variations between **delta** areas (e.g., Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Ha Long) and **mountainous** regions (e.g., Mai Chau, Pu Luong, Sapa, Ha Giang, Cao Bang).

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



<u>Electricity and adapter</u>: 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.

<u>Safety</u>: 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.