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Mountains Sing, Waters Flow – Northeast Vietnam

Hanoi – Ba Be – Cao Bang (7 Days)



(Image: Ban Gioc Waterfall – Cao Bang – Vietnam)

Trip information:

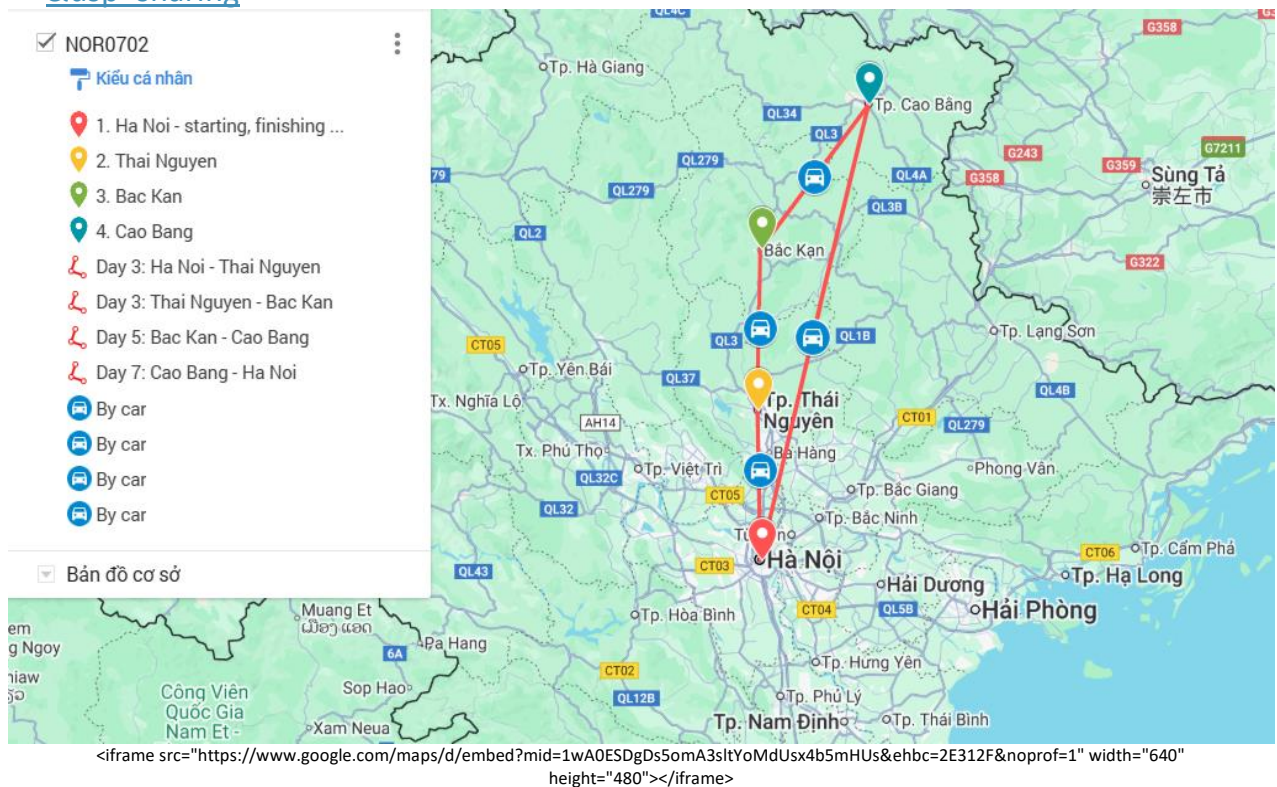
- **Guest's name:** []
- **Nationality:** []
- **Travel Period:** []
- **Number of group:** []
- **Destinations:** Ha Noi – Ba Be Lake – Cao Bang
- **Trip highlights:** *Journey from Hanoi's cultural heart to Vietnam's untamed Northeast — where misty lakes, hidden caves, and thundering waterfalls meet the soulful spirit of ethnic highlands, from haunting Then songs to the timeless charm of Khui Ky's stone village*
 - ★ Trace the soul of Hanoi through its timeless landmarks — from the stately Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to the vibrant maze of the Old Quarter.
 - ★ Savor the spirit of the capital with street-side Bún Chả, delicate Bánh Cuốn, and a glass of fresh draft beer poured with laughter.
 - ★ Wander into the emerald hills of Thai Nguyen, where the scent of Tan Cuong tea fills the air and the Tay people welcome you into stilt homes with warm smiles and haunting Then melodies.



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- ★ Drift across the glassy waters of Ba Be Lake, glide through Puong Cave, and feel the quiet power of Dau Dang Waterfall — where limestone cliffs and jungle echoes stir the senses.
- ★ Journey north to Cao Bang, where nature unfolds in grandeur at Ban Gioc Waterfall and Nguom Ngao Cave — then pause in Khui Ky Stone Village, a hidden gem of ancient stone houses, cobbled paths, and the enduring grace of Tay culture by the river's edge.
- **Duration:** 07 days
- **Travel styles:** Active & Nature, Tailor-made, Local life, Family
- **Start:** Ha Noi - **Finish:** Ha Noi
- **Physical:** Morderate
- **Code:** NOR0702
- **Ages:** All ages
- **Group size:** 2-7 (*Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or if your group has more than 7 people*).
- **Map link:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1wA0ESDgDs5omA3sltYoMdUsx4b5mHUu&usp=sharing>





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● **Price:**

Price USD/pax	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7 pax	Single surcharge
4-star In Hanoi	USD 1104 per pax	USD 788 per pax	USD 673 per pax	USD 147
5-star In Hanoi	USD 1210 per pax	USD 893 per pax	USD 778 per pax	USD 231
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 in Hanoi		5-star accommodation in Hanoi	
Ha Noi	La Mejor 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)	
Ba Be	Ba Be Farmstay or similar: https://maps.app.goo.gl/Y1KcgM4E9sfQynaa6 https://babefarmstay.com/room/phongdon/ (Double/Twin Room)			
Cao Bang	Yen Nhi Homestay or similar: https://maps.app.goo.gl/1pk1nhvB954xbwXN8 https://www.facebook.com/bangiochomestay/ (Double/Twin Room)			

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

Day	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Arrival Hanoi – Hanoi half day city tour (ESG)	Ha Noi	-/L/D
Day 2	Hanoi sightseeing (ESG)	Ha Noi	B/L/D
Day 3	Hanoi – Thai Nguyen – Bac Kan (ESG)	Bac Kan	B/L/D
Day 4	Ba Be Lake crusing and trekking (ESG)	Bac Kan	B/L/D
Day 5	Bac Kan – Cao Bang – Nguom Ngao Cave (ESG)	Cao Bang	B/L/D
Day 6	Ban Gioc Waterfall – Khuoi Ky Village (ESG)	Cao Bang	B/L/D
Day 7	Cao Bang – Ha Noi – Departure (ESG)	N/A	B/L/D



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Itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrival Hanoi – Hanoi half day city tour (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.
- **14:00:** Check-in at your hotel.
- After a short rest, take your first look at Hanoi, visiting famous monuments such as the **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university in Vietnam.



(Image: 1. Temple of Literature; 2. “Cha ca Lang” lunch – Ha Noi – Viet Nam)

- Explore **Hoan Kiem Lake**, **Ngoc Son Temple**, and **The Huc Bridge** — icons of Hanoi that reflect the historical development of Vietnam and its spiritual life. Additionally, enjoy a one-hour cyclo tour around the bustling **Old Quarter**, which has been submitted to UNESCO for recognition as a World Heritage Site.
- In the evening, savor authentic Hanoi-street food, including Bun Cha (grilled pork noodles), Banh Cuon (Vietnamese rice rolls), Trang Tien sweet soup, ice cream, and draft beer.
- **21:00:** Return to your hotel for free time and stay overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: Hanoi sightseeing (ESG/B/L/D)

- **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**.
- Have lunch at a local restaurant.



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

- **In the afternoon:** your guide and driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to **Bát Tràng Pottery Village**, located about 15 km from Hanoi's city center, is renowned for its centuries-old tradition of ceramics.
- Upon arrival, visit the village entrance and stroll through small alleyways lined with pottery workshops and kilns. Stop by local family-run studios to watch artisans at work and try your hand at making your own ceramic piece. Stop by the **Bat Trang Pottery Center** to explore a wide collection of artisan ceramics and learn more about the village's history.



(Image: Bat Trang Pottery Village - Ha Noi - Vietnam)

- **17:30:** Arrive back in Hanoi for dinner at a local restaurant.



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- After dinner, you can set a time to watch very famous traditional shows: **Vietnamese water puppet show** (free transportation is provided by VN Lovely Travel; **show tickets are at your own expense**). Overnight in Ha Noi.
- Returning to the hotel for an overnight stay in Hanoi.



(Image: Vietnamese water puppet show)

DAY 3: Ha Noi – Thai Nguyen – Ba Be (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:30:** After breakfast at the hotel, an English-speaking local guide will take you to Ba Be Lake (approximately 5.5 hours).
- **09:30:** Visit **Tan Cuong Tea Farm** in Thai Nguyen on the way, which offers picturesque views of lush green tea gardens and is a popular destination to learn about tea production and enjoy the natural beauty.
- **10:30:** Continue to explore **Thai Hai – a fairytale-like Tay ethnic village**. At Thai Hai Village, visitors can join in cultural experiences, participate in traditional customs, and enjoy the authentic, eco-friendly cuisine deeply rooted in Tay heritage.
- Listen to **traditional “Then” melodies** inside a Tay stilt house adorned with authentic local decor.
- **12:00:** Have lunch with local specialties at Thai Hai Village.
- **15:30:** Check in to your farmstay in Bac Kan. Take a rest. Then, enjoy a leisurely walk and capture beautiful photos in the surrounding area.
- *Enjoy a relaxing dinner, and stay overnight in a cozy, authentic Ba Be homestay by the mountains, immersing yourself in nature and local culture..*



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(Image: Tan Cuong tea farm – Thai Nguyen – Vietnam)

DAY 4: Ba Be Lake (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:30:** *Wake up to the fresh mountain air and peaceful sounds of nature, enjoying breakfast and a tranquil morning at the homestay before setting off for the next adventure.* Take a private boat ride and experience the tranquility of **Ba Be Lake** — the largest freshwater lake in Northern Vietnam. This enchanting destination is known for its untouched beauty, emerald-green freshwater, towering limestone mountains, and lush jungle landscapes.
- Begin your journey by boat with a visit to **An Ma Temple**, a peaceful site for reflection amidst Ba Be's natural beauty. Next, your guide will lead you to **Ao Tien** — a serene oasis embraced by pristine nature. Its crystal water and peaceful surroundings draw visitors in. Nestled among verdant forests and limestone formations, this peaceful spot captivates all who visit with its natural charm.
- The boat continues upriver to visit **Puong Cave**.



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(Image: Ba Be Lake – Bac Kan – Vietnam)

- Enjoy lunch, and then take a short (200m) walk through the forest to reach **Dau Dang Waterfall**, a stunning series of cascades framed by sheer rock walls. You may continue along the trail to a large riverside area, full of color of local life.
- Return by boat. Relax and enjoy a delicious dinner. Overnight stay in Bac Kan.

DAY 5: Bac Kan – Cao Bang – Nguom Ngao Cave (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:00:** After breakfast, check out at your hotel and begin your scenic journey to **Cao Bang** Province, home to the vibrant cultures of ethnic minority communities such as the Nung and H'mong people.
- Arrive in Cao Bang and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.
- **In the afternoon**, head to the breathtaking **Thung Mountain**, also known as Angel Eye Mountain – a hidden gem that remains untouched by mass tourism. Here, you'll discover authentic minority villages nestled amid rice paddies and grazing water buffalo, offering a true glimpse into rural life. You'll also have a chance to visit traditional stilt houses and interact with local families.



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(Image: Thung Mountain – Cao Bang – Vietnam)

- **16:00:** Continue to the stunning **Nguom Ngao Cave**, a natural wonder located about 1.5 hours away. Inside, be amazed by a dazzling world of stalactites and stalagmites, echoing with the mystical sounds of wind and flowing water.
- **17:00:** *Arrive at a local homestay nestled against limestone mountains. Check in, relax, and savor a homemade dinner served in a sparkling cave, then spend a peaceful night embraced by nature. Overnight in Cao Bang.*

DAY 6: Ban Gioc Waterfall – Khuoi Ky Village (ESG/B/L/D)

- **08:00:** After breakfast and check-out, begin your journey to explore **Ban Gioc Waterfall**, one of the most impressive natural landmarks in Northern Vietnam, partially shared with the border of China. Capture memorable moments at this majestic and powerful waterfall—considered the most spectacular in Vietnam.
- Guests can even enjoy **horseback riding** along the river and take stunning photos. Cool off in the refreshing water with a boat ride along the stream. You'll also have the chance to admire a panoramic view of the waterfall and river by climbing up to **Truc Lam Phat Tich Pagoda**.
- **11:00:** Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.



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(Image: Ban Gioc Waterfall – Cao Bang – Vietnam)

- **In the afternoon:** Visit **Khuoi Ky Ancient Village**, known for its unique stilt houses built from stone and the rich culture and daily life of the local Tay ethnic people.
- Relax with a **cup of coffee** while soaking in the peaceful atmosphere on the hillside.
- **17:30:** Return to the homestay for a short rest. Relax and enjoy a delicious dinner. Overnight stay in Cao Bang.



(Image: Khuoi Ky Ancient Village – Cao Bang – Vietnam)



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DAY 7: Cao Bang – Ha Noi - Departure (ESG, B/L/D)

- **08:00:** After breakfast, check out at your homestay. Depart for the return journey to Hanoi (approximately 8 hours).
- Enjoy lunch en route at a local restaurant.
- **17:00:** Arrive back in Hanoi. Have dinner after a long drive.
- **18:30:** Our driver will take you to Noi Bai International Airport or Railway Station for your next destination.

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

Inclusion:

- ✓ Good air-conditioned private 7-seat car (for 2-3 pax)/ 16-seat minivan (for 4-7 pax)
- ✓ Water in the car: 2 bottles of 500ml per pax/visiting day
- ✓ English-speaking local guides (07 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) in Ha Noi.
- ✓ Accommodation in Ba Be, Cao Bang.
- ✓ All entrance fee for sightseeing: Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son Temple, Bat Trang Pottery Village, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Museum of Cultures of Vietnam's Ethnic Groups, Thai Ha Village, Ba Be Lake, Nguom Ngao Cave, Ban Gioc Waterfall
- ✓ Cyclo tour in Ha Noi
- ✓ Boat trip on Ba Be Lake, Ban Gioc Waterfall
- ✓ Private "Then" music performance in Thai Ha Village
- ✓ Horse-riding ticket at Ban Gioc Waterfall
- ✓ Coffee in Khuoi Ky Village
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner):
 - ***04 local simple breakfasts on day 3,4,5,6**
 - *07 lunches on day 1,2,3,4,5,6
 - *07 dinners on day 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

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



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- ⊗ **“Vietnamese water puppet show” ticket**
- ⊗ 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, 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.



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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:

Northern Vietnam Weather Overview (Delta & Mountains)

Northern Vietnam has four distinct seasons, with variations between **delta** areas (e.g., Hanoi, Ninh Binh) and **mountainous regions** (e.g., Bac Can, Cao Bang,...).

Delta Areas

- **Jan–Feb:** Cool (15–22°C), overcast, light drizzle; humid around Tet (Lunar New Year).
- **Mar–Apr:** Mild, pleasant (20–28°C), light rain, blooming flowers—ideal for sightseeing.
- **May–Aug:** Hot (28–37°C), humid, with frequent rain and **thunderstorms**; **June–July** are wettest.
- **Sep:** Warm, storm risk remains; rainfall decreases toward end of month.
- **Oct:** Start of dry season; some rain early in the month, clearer skies later.
- **Nov–Dec:** Dry, sunny, cooler (18–25°C)—**best time to visit** the region.

Mountainous Areas

- **Jan–Feb:** Cold (5–18°C), cloudy, damp; nights can drop below 10°C.
- **Mar–Apr:** Cool, dry, scenic—great for trekking (15–25°C).
- **May–Aug:** Warm (22–32°C), frequent heavy rain, **risk of landslides**, trails can be slippery.
- **Sep:** Golden rice harvest season; still some rain but very picturesque.
- **Oct:** Clear, cool, post-monsoon—excellent visibility for hiking.
- **Nov–Dec:** Dry and cold; nights often under 10°C, foggy mornings, peaceful atmosphere.

Notes

- **Storm season:** July–early October, strongest in the delta but affects mountain areas indirectly.
- **Best time to visit:**
 - **Delta:** October to April
 - **Mountains:** March to May, late September to November

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



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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.



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- 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)

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.



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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.