

# NORTHERN DISCOVERY

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

CODE VNRT004E

VALIDITY 01.01.2025 - 30.12.2025

TYPE Private

START Daily

HANOI – LAO CAI - SAPA – HALONG BAY - NINH BINH - HANOI



## I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Halong Bay – Sail through Vietnam’s iconic limestone islets and emerald waters.
- in Sapa – Explore hill tribe villages and scenic rice terraces.
- Trang An Grottoes – Glide through caves and valleys in “Inland Halong Bay.
- Cultural Hanoi & Hoa Lu – Discover Vietnam’s ancient capital and charming city sights.

## II. ITINERARY

### DAY 1

### ARRIVAL IN HANOI

Upon arrival at Hanoi Airport, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel for check-in (please note early check-in is not included). The rest of the day is free at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own.

(-)  
Overnight in Hanoi

### DAY 2

### HANOI CITY TOUR – NIGHT TRAIN TO LAO CAI

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day city tour of Hanoi, one of Asia’s oldest and most charming capitals. Discover its blend of traditional Vietnamese and French colonial architecture as you visit: Ngoc Son Temple at Hoan Kiem Lake, Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum (closed on Mondays, Fridays, and throughout October & November), the One-Pillar Pagoda, the Museum of Ethnology, the Temple of Literature, and the Old Quarter with a one-hour cyclo (pedicab) ride. In the evening, transfer to the train station for the overnight journey to Lao Cai (shared 4-berth cabin).

(B)  
Overnight on train

### DAY 3

### LAO CAI – SAPA

Arrive early at Lao Cai Station, where you’ll be picked up and taken for breakfast at a local restaurant. Begin your journey to Sapa with a stop at the beautiful Silver Waterfall, nestled within the Hoang Lien National Park. Visit a local farm for tea and a cultural exchange with the residents. Continue to the scenic Heaven’s Gate—the highest road in Vietnam—offering spectacular valley views. Check in at your hotel in Sapa and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

(B)  
Overnight in Sapa

### DAY 4

### SAPA TREKKING – LAO CAI – OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO HANOI

Start the day with a stroll through Sapa Market before heading downhill to Cat Cat Village. Along the way, visit a local waterfall and hydroelectric station, then continue trekking through rice terraces and along a peaceful river. Stop at Y Linh Ho Village, home to the Black Hmong ethnic group, and enjoy lunch by the river. Afterward, trek through the picturesque Muong Hoa Valley, passing through Lao Chai and Tavan villages—home to Hmong and Giay minorities. Return to Sapa by car, then transfer to Lao Cai Station for your overnight train back to Hanoi.

(B)  
Overnight on train (shared 4-berth cabin)

#### DAY 5

### HANOI – HALONG BAY

Arrive early in Hanoi and enjoy breakfast at a local restaurant. Then travel to Halong Bay (approx. 3.5 hours), a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its emerald waters and thousands of limestone islets. Board a traditional cruise for an unforgettable two-day journey through this breathtaking bay.

(B,L)  
Overnight on board

#### DAY 6

### HALONG BAY – NINH BINH

Continue your cruise in the morning. Disembark in the late morning and meet your guide for the transfer to Ninh Binh—often referred to as “Inland Halong Bay.” Stop at Hoa Lu, Vietnam’s ancient capital, and visit temples dedicated to King Dinh Tien Hoang and King Le Dai Hanh. Later, take a serene boat trip through Trang An Grottoes, passing through stunning karst landscapes, tranquil rivers, and hidden caves teeming with biodiversity.

(B,L,D)  
Overnight in Ninh Binh

#### DAY 7

### NINH BINH – CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK – HANOI

This morning, travel to Cuc Phuong National Park to visit the Endangered Primate Rescue Center, run by Vietnamese and German biologists. Learn about the efforts to rehabilitate rare primates. Continue to a prehistoric cave where human remains and stone tools over 7,500 years old were discovered. Begin a 6 km jungle trek to the legendary 1,000-year-old tree. Return to Hanoi in the early afternoon.

(B)  
Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 8

### DEPARTURE FROM HANOI

After breakfast, check out from your hotel. Transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

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## III. RATES

### TOUR PRICE

01 January 2025 – 30 December 2025

PAX	PRICE PER PERSON	
	SUPERIOR	DELUXE
1 Pax in SGL	1176	1472
02 Pax	933	1066
03-04 Pax	789	924
05-06 Pax	661	794
07+ Pax	645	779
Single Supplement	243	406

*Rates are net and in USD.*

*Rates mentioned above are based on sharing a Twin or Double and per person.*

*Please add Single Supplement for any odd number of pax or pax requesting SGL rooms.*

### ACCOMMODATION

CITY	SUPERIOR	DELUXE
HANOI	Flower Garden Hotel Hanoi (4 Star) Deluxe	Pullman Hanoi (5 Star) Deluxe
HANOI/LAO CAI TRAIN	Chapa Express Train Deluxe	Chapa Express Train Deluxe

<b>SAPA</b>	<b>BB Hotel Sapa (4 Star) Deluxe Room</b>	<b>Silk Path Grand Sapa Resort &amp; Spa (5 Star) Classic Garden</b>
<b>HA LONG</b>	<b>Bai Tho Cruises Treasure Junk: Deluxe 2D/1N</b>	<b>Indochina Sails (Huong Hai Co.) (Unassigned) Indochina Sails: Deluxe 2D/1N</b>
<b>Ninh Binh</b>	<b>Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel (4 Star) Deluxe</b>	<b>Emeralda Resort Tam Coc (5 Star) Superior</b>

*Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternate accommodation will be booked within the same hotel category without surcharge/reduction. If no hotel in the same category is available, we preserve the right to apply a surcharge for any higher category or a reduction for any lower category. All hotel ratings are according to the local accreditation authority. Compulsory surcharges and meal options apply during peak holiday periods such as Christmas, May 1st, New Years and Chinese New Year. These will be advised at the time of booking or at any time should the hotel apply on an ad hoc basis.*

## SERVICES

### INCLUDED SERVICES

All described sightseeing as in program above  
 Transportation in private air-conditioned  
 vehicle Accommodation in hotels with daily  
 breakfast  
 English-speaking local guides (no guide on  
 Train Hanoi- SaPa/ shared cabin)  
 Admission fees to indicated sights  
 Meals mentioned in the itinerary (B=breakfast,  
 L=lunch, D=dinner)  
 Domestic gov't tax and service charge

### EXCLUDED SERVICES

International air tickets Flights & visa  
 fees  
 Travel Insurance in all kinds Meals not  
 mentioned in itinerary Compulsory Meals  
 Drinks during Meals  
 Tip, drinks, any personal expenses Early  
 check-in and late check-out