



21 days North and Central Vietnam CTP 204

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Intro

Discover the Enchanting Diversity of Northern and Central Vietnam in 21 Days

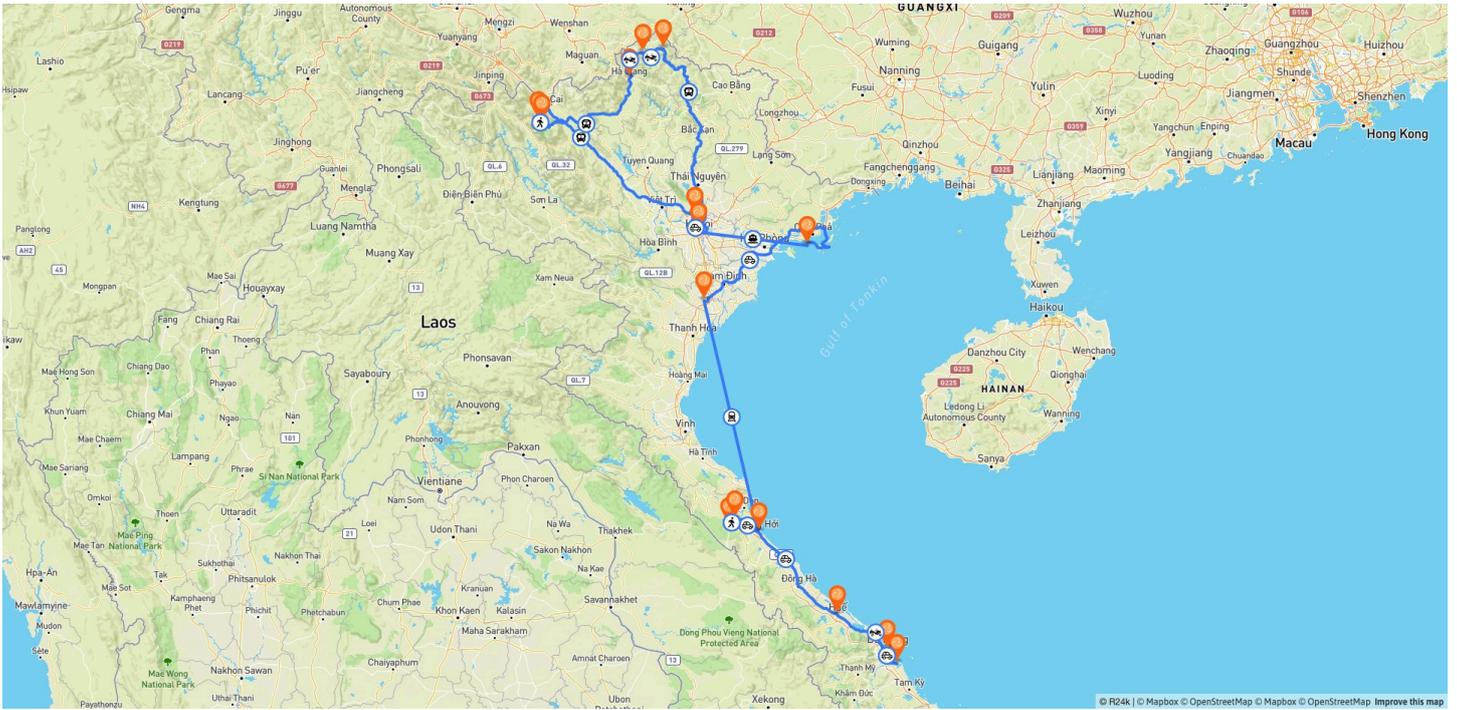
Embark on a 21-day adventure through the captivating landscapes and rich culture of Northern and Central Vietnam. This unforgettable journey will introduce you to the country's diverse facets, from bustling cities to serene rice terraces.

Start your exploration in the vibrant capital of Hanoi, where ancient temples and French colonial architecture coexist. Venture north to the mountainous region of Sapa, home to stunning rice terraces and colorful hill tribes. Trek through lush valleys, meet local communities, and conquer the iconic Ma Pi Leng Pass, offering breathtaking panoramic views.

Cruise through the breathtaking Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and marvel at the towering limestone karsts and emerald waters. Cycle through the picturesque Tam Coc, often referred to as "Halong Bay on Land," and discover hidden caves and serene rice fields.

Experience the thrill of riding a motorbike along the scenic coastal road from Hue to Hoi An. Immerse yourself in the charming ancient town of Hoi An, known for its well-preserved architecture, bustling markets, and delicious cuisine. Relax on pristine beaches, indulge in water sports, and explore the nearby islands.

This comprehensive itinerary offers a perfect blend of cultural experiences, natural wonders, and adventure. From the bustling cities to the tranquil countryside, this 21-day journey will leave you with unforgettable memories of Vietnam."



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DAY 1: Noi Bai Airport - Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi, the heart of Vietnam!

After landing, meet your driver at Pillar 10 in the airport. Enjoy a 40-minute drive to your hotel, immersing yourself in the city's vibrant atmosphere. Witness the true essence of Hanoi. Marvel at the endless stream of scooters, the bustling markets, and the tantalizing aroma of grilled pork chops. Check into your hotel and explore the neighborhood or simply relax in your room.

At 6:00 PM, embark on a culinary adventure. Our guide will lead you through the narrow streets of the Old Quarter, revealing the hidden gems of Hanoi's street food scene. Learn about the history and culture behind each dish as you savor the city's unique flavors. Return to your hotel around 9:30 PM, satisfied and full of unforgettable memories.

Tour type: private

Accommodation: ★★ ★

 Dahlia Hotel

 Classic Premium

Included meals:



Included today:

- ✓ Noi Bai Airport to Hanoi (SUV)
- ✓ Hanoi Old Quater Street Food Tour



DAY 2: Hanoi

Discover Hanoi on Two Wheels: A Surprising Adventure

You might think, "Who bikes in Hanoi?" But cycling through this bustling city and its surrounding countryside is surprisingly easy and rewarding. Join our 4.5-hour bike tour and uncover hidden gems. Explore famous landmarks while venturing off the beaten path. Discover narrow alleyways where locals have been serving delicious food for generations. Witness a train track running through people's front yards and find peaceful oases in the countryside. Our guide will meet you at your hotel lobby around 8:00 AM. Cycle past iconic landmarks like the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Old Quarter gates. Pedal through narrow alleyways, past B52 Lake, and along the scenic West Lake. Cycle through the "Banana Plantation," a serene area filled with lush greenery. Cross the iconic Long Bien Bridge and return to the Old Quarter. End your morning adventure with a delicious lunch. You'll be back in the city by 1:00 PM, free to explore at your own pace.

Tour type: small group

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

🏠 Dahlia Hotel

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🚗 Classic Premium

Included today:

✓ Hanoi Half Day City Bicycle Tour (AM start)



DAY 3: Hanoi - Sapa

A scenic journey to Sapa

Your adventure begins at 6:30 AM, as our comfortable bus picks you up from your hotel. Enjoy the scenic drive to Sapa, with two convenient stops along the way for a rest break. Arrive in Sapa around 1:00 PM and transfer to your hotel (taxi not included). Stretch your legs and explore the charming town, or take a scenic cable car ride to the summit of Mount Fansipan.

Visit the impressive Tram Ton Pass or the cascading Silver Waterfall. The rest of the day is yours to explore Sapa at your own pace.

Luggage Storage Options: Leave your luggage at your Hanoi hotel or bring it with you. If you prefer not to carry your luggage during your trek, our guide can arrange for it to be transported to your homestay in Sapa for a small fee.

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

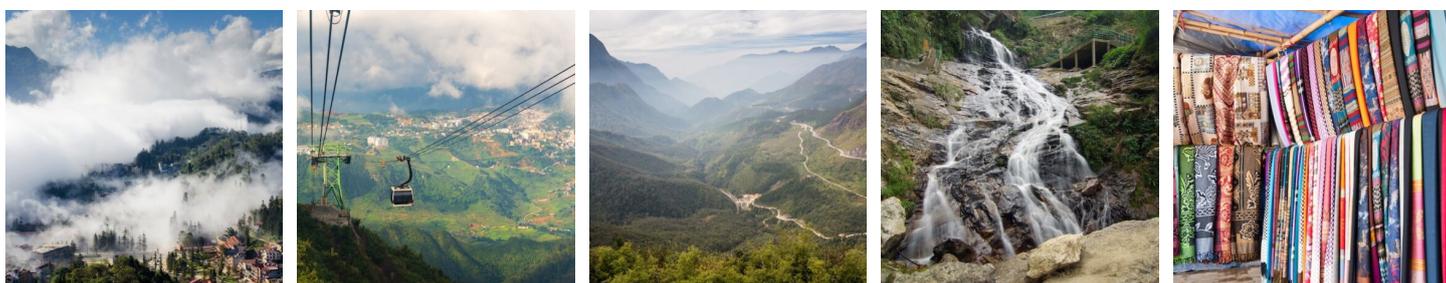
Included meals:

- 🏠 Sapa Relax Hotel
- 🛏️ Deluxe Room City view

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Included today:

- ✓ Bus



DAY 4: Sapa - Ta Van

Discover the Hidden Beauty of Muong Hoa Valley

Meet your local Hmong guide at 9:00 AM and begin your journey into the heart of Sapa. Your knowledgeable guide will share fascinating insights into the daily life and culture of the local people. Hike through the picturesque Muong Hoa Valley. This 10-kilometer trek offers stunning views of terraced rice fields, traditional villages, and towering mountains. Discover hidden gems off the beaten path. Visit remote villages where few tourists venture, gaining a unique perspective on local life.

Tour type: private

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

- 🏠 Plum Eco House
- 🛏️ Standard Room with Bathroom

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Included today:

- ✓ 1 Day Trek
- ✓ Dinner



DAY 5: Ta Van - Ha Giang

Exploring the Red Dao Territory and Heading to Ha Giang

After yesterday's long trek, we'll take it a bit easier today. Your guide will lead you deeper into the valleys towards Giang Ta Chai, the heart of the Red Dao minority people. As the name suggests, the color red is prominent in their traditional attire. The landscape is breathtaking, and you'll also visit a stunning waterfall. Around 3:00 PM, you'll be returned to Sapa town. Your bus to Ha Giang departs at 4:00 PM, with an estimated arrival time of 10:00 PM. You'll be dropped off at your hotel, ready to rest up for your next adventure: the Ha Giang Loop.

Tour Type: Private - Shared bus transfer to Ha Giang

Note: Prefer a private transfer to Ha Giang? Please inquire about our options.

Accommodation:

 Sun Hotel

 Double

Included meals:

Included today:

-  1 Day Trek
-  Transfer back to Sapa Town
-  16:00PM Bus Sapa to Ha Giang



DAY 6: Ha Giang - Yen Minh

The Ha Giang Loop

Experience the thrill of the Ha Giang Loop, a three-day adventure through one of Vietnam's most stunning regions. Ride

Through the Picturesque Landscape. Hop on a motorbike and feel the wind in your hair as you traverse the scenic roads of Ha Giang Province. Marvel at the majestic mountains and emerald rice terraces. Visit charming villages inhabited by diverse ethnic minorities. Learn about their traditions and experience their warm hospitality. Discover the Hmong King's Palace and other historical sites along the way. Witness the panoramic views of the Quan Ba Heaven's Gate and other stunning natural landmarks.

Tour Options:

- Motorbike: Experience the thrill of riding through the mountains.
- Car: Enjoy a more comfortable journey, especially during the winter months.

Accommodation: While accommodations in this region may not be luxurious, they offer comfortable rooms with private bathrooms.

The Ha Giang Loop is a challenging yet rewarding journey, offering a glimpse into the authentic beauty of Northern Vietnam.

Accommodation:

Included meals:

- 🏠 Chook Bungalow of vergelijkbaar
- 🛏️ Privé kamer met eigen badkamer

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Included today:

- ✓ 3D2N Luxury by motorbike 2 pax
- ✓ Nho Que River Ticket



DAY 7: Yen Minh - Meo Vac

Conquer the Legendary Ma Pi Leng Pass

Today, you will go on a thrilling adventure to the iconic Ma Pi Leng Pass. At a dizzying 1,500 meters, this engineering marvel is a testament to the ingenuity of the local ethnic minorities. Prepare to be awestruck by the breathtaking panorama. The sweeping vistas will leave you breathless. After conquering the pass, embark on a scenic boat tour along the Ngo River (weather permitting). Let the majestic cliffs envelop you as you glide through this tranquil waterway. Discover the charming town of Meo Vac, where you'll spend the night. Immerse yourself in the local culture, savor delicious cuisine, and reflect on today's unforgettable experiences.

Tour type: private

Accommodation:

Included meals:

 Little Yen's Homestay of vergelijkbaar

 Privé kamer met eigen badkamer



DAY 8: Meo Vac - Hanoi

Along rice terraces and karst mountains

Today, we will travel on a scenic journey through Lung Phin District, a picturesque region known for its charming villages, winding roads, and terraced rice fields. Explore the hidden gem of Du Gia, a charming village nestled amidst stunning landscapes. Arrive in Ha Giang City in the early afternoon. Take some time to freshen up before boarding the shared limousine bus back to Hanoi.

Note: The bus may not be able to drop you directly at your hotel. Be prepared to take a short taxi ride to reach your final destination.

Tour Type: Private

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

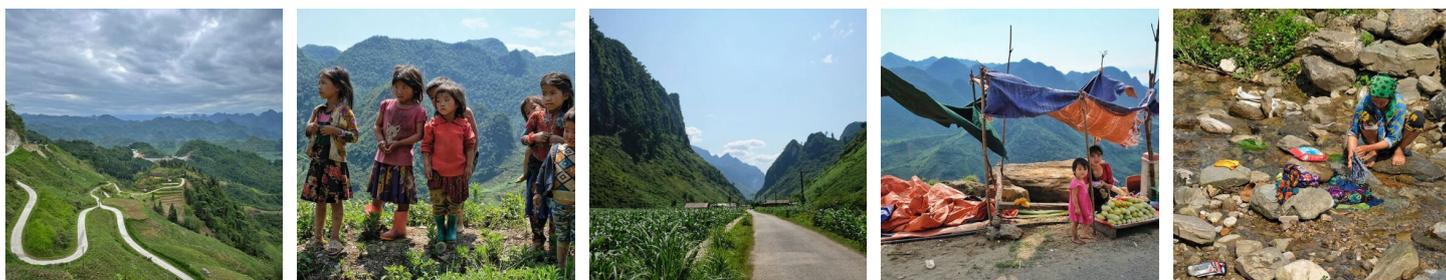
 Dahlia Hotel

 Classic Premium

Included today:

✓ Limousine Bus Ha Giang to Hanoi





DAY 9: Hanoi - Bai Tu Long Bay

Cruising through Bai Tu Long Bay

Start your day at 8:00 AM and embark on a relaxing two-day cruise through the stunning Bai Tu Long Bay. Escape the Crowds Bai Tu Long Bay, located just north of Halong Bay, offers a more peaceful experience with fewer boats. After arriving at the port, enjoy a delicious lunch as you cruise through the picturesque landscape. Venture into secluded areas of the bay and engage in thrilling activities like kayaking, swimming, and exploring abandoned islands. Return to your boat around 5:30 PM for refreshing drinks and a delicious dinner. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your own pace. Try your hand at squid fishing or simply relax and soak up the tranquility of Bai Tu Long Bay.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

Renea Cruise

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Renea Cruise 2D1N Deluxe Double and One Way Transportation Hanoi to Halong



DAY 10: Bai Tu Long Bay - Tam Coc

Back to the mainland

Rise early at 6:30 AM to join a peaceful Tai Chi session on the deck. Enjoy the tranquility of the bay as the sun rises and the mist slowly dissipates. Venture into the captivating Thien Canh Son Cave, a hidden gem nestled amidst the limestone cliffs. Join a hands-on Vietnamese cooking demonstration and learn to prepare authentic local dishes. After a memorable day, we'll return to the port and take a shuttle bus back to Hanoi's Old Quarter. You'll arrive around 4:00 PM.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

Tam Coc Wonderland Bungalow

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Deluxe Double

Included today:

✓ 7 seat car Halong to Tam Coc



DAY 11: Tam Coc - Dong Hoi

Enjoy a Leisurely Morning and Scenic Bike Tour

Late checkout is included in the price

Enjoy a Leisurely Morning and Scenic Bike Tour Relax and unwind at your hotel until 8:30 AM. Embark on a 25-kilometer bike tour through the picturesque countryside of Tam Coc. Pedal through tranquil rice fields, surrounded by towering limestone formations. Explore the enchanting landscape by boat, visiting the Thai Vi Temple, Bich Dong Pagoda, and the Hang Mua Viewpoint. At 9:00 PM, transfer to the train station and board the Lotus Train for your journey to Dong Hoi.

Tour Type: PrivateTour

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

🚆 Lotus Train

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🚆 Lotus Train SE19: Ninh Binh to Dong Hoi

Included today:

- ✓ Late Check out 1 room
- ✓ Tam Coc Cycling Tour 2 to 3 pax
- ✓ Transfer to the trainstation



DAY 12: Dong Hoi - Phong Nha

Arrive in Dong Hoi and Explore Phong Nha

Arrive in Dong Hoi and transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy an early check-in and a delicious breakfast. Explore the scenic

surroundings of Phong Nha at your own pace. Discover the beautiful landscapes and consider renting a bike to explore the Bong Lai Valley.

Rest up for your exciting jungle exploration tomorrow.

Accommodation: ★★

Included meals:

🏠 Karst Villas Phong Nha

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🛏️ Deluxe Double / Twin

Included today:

✓ 7 seat car Dong Hoi Trainstation to Phong Nha

✓ Early check in



DAY 13: Phong Nha - Ma Da Valley

A real jungle trekking and camping

Leave your luggage at the hotel reception and prepare for an unforgettable journey. Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and transfer to the park headquarters. Receive a briefing on the day's adventure and learn about important safety guidelines. Embark on a scenic trek through the verdant jungle, leading to the majestic Elephant Cave. Marvel at the impressive geological formations and explore this natural wonder. Enjoy a delicious lunch and take a refreshing swim in the crystal-clear waters of Ma Da Lake. As the sun sets, we'll set up camp in the tranquil Ma Da Valley. Relax and unwind while savoring a delicious Vietnamese meal under the starry sky.

Tour Type: Small Group

Included meals:

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Included today:

✓ Ma Da Valley Jungle Camping (Jungle Boss)



DAY 14: Ma Da Valley - Phong Nha

Exploration of the Ma Da Valley and Tra Ang Valley.

After a nourishing breakfast, we will venture deeper into the jungle to explore the captivating Tra Ang Cave. Descend into the 600-meter-long cave and marvel at its stunning formations. Take a refreshing swim in the cool waters. After exploring the cave, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch to refuel for the final leg of our journey. Hike through the scenic landscape, admiring the lush greenery and breathtaking views. Arrive back at your hotel in Phong Nha, filled with unforgettable memories of your two-day adventure.

Tour Type: Small Group

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

 Karst Villas Phong Nha

 Deluxe Double / Twin



DAY 15: Phong Nha - Hue

The Historical Significance of Vinh Moc Tunnels

Today, we'll embark on a scenic journey to Hue, with a captivating stop along the way. Visit the Vinh Moc Tunnels, a remarkable historical site located in a former war zone. Learn about the lives of the villagers who sought refuge in this extensive underground network during the Vietnam War. Discover how these tunnels served as a vital shelter and supply point for North Vietnamese soldiers. Purchase entrance tickets at the site and enjoy a guided tour (optional). Take your time exploring the tunnels and learning about their historical significance. After your visit, your driver will be waiting to take you to Hue, where you can relax and explore the city at your leisure.

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

- 🏠 Rosaleen Boutique Hotel
- 🛏 Superior City View Double / Twin / Single

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Included today:

- ✓ 7 seat car Phong Nha - Vinh Moc Tunnels - Hue



DAY 16: Hue

Immerse yourself in the history of Hue.

Discover the best of Hue, the ancient imperial capital of Vietnam. Start your day at the bustling Dong Ba Market and witness the vibrant daily life of the locals. Board a boat and sail along the picturesque Perfume River to the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda. Admire its stunning architecture and learn about its historical significance. Step back in time at the Imperial Citadel, the former home of the Nguyen Dynasty. Discover the grandeur and history of this impressive complex. Explore the magnificent Minh Mang and Khai Dinh tombs, sprawling complexes showcasing the opulence of Vietnam's imperial past. Your guide will drop you off at your hotel in the late afternoon, allowing you to relax and explore Hue at your leisure.

Tour Type: Small Group

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

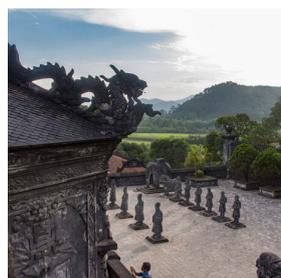
- 🏠 Rosaleen Boutique Hotel
- 🛏 Superior City View Double / Twin / Single

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Included today:

- ✓ Hue City Tour





DAY 17: Hue - Hoi An

On the back of the motorbike over the Hai Van Pass

Today, experience the thrill of riding a motorbike through the scenic countryside. Your Easy Rider guide will lead you on an unforgettable journey. Conquer the Legendary Hai Van Pass Marvel at the breathtaking beauty of the Hai Van Pass, a coastal road renowned for its stunning vistas. Explore the serene Lap An Lagoon, relax on the pristine Lang Co Beach, and visit the picturesque Elephant Springs. Enjoy a delightful meal in a scenic location along the route. Reach Hoi An around 4:00 PM and check into your hotel.

Luggage Transportation: Your luggage will be securely transported either on the back of your motorbike or by a separate vehicle.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

KA Villa

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Deluxe Double

Included today:

✓ Motorbike tour from Hue to Hoi An



DAY 18: Hoi An

Discover Hoi An at your own pace

Today is your day to relax and explore Hoi An at your own pace. Discover the Rich Culture of Hoi An Visit the Precious Heritage Museum to admire Reahn's stunning photographs of Vietnam's diverse ethnic minorities. Take a short taxi ride to An Bang Beach, a picturesque stretch of sand with charming cafes and restaurants. Consider day trips to the historic My Son Sanctuary, the beautiful Cham Island, or the poignant My Lai Memorial.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

KA Villa

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Deluxe Double



DAY 19: Hoi An

Relax and Explore Hoi An

Enjoy a day of leisure in the charming town of Hoi An. Escape to the pristine beaches of Cua Dai or An Bang for a relaxing day by the water.

Discover the Historic Old Town. Explore the narrow streets and ancient buildings of Hoi An's UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town.

Accommodation: ★★ ★

Included meals:

🏠 KA Villa

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🛏️ Deluxe Double



DAY 20: Hoi An

Discover the Underwater Paradise of Cham Islands

Welcome to the enchanting Cham Islands, a pristine archipelago off the coast of Hoi An. With crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and abundant marine life, the Cham Islands are a diver and snorkeler's paradise. At 7:30 AM, a professional diving school will pick you up and take you to the harbor. Cruise to the most beautiful snorkeling locations in the Cham Islands. Anchor at a secluded beach in the early afternoon and enjoy a delicious lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring the island's natural beauty or relaxing on the beach. Sail back to the harbor around 3:00 PM and transfer back to your hotel.

Tour Type: Group

Accommodation: ★★☆☆

Included meals:

🏠 KA Villa
🛏️ Deluxe Double

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Included today:

✓ Cham Island Snorkeling Tour



DAY 21: Hoi An - Da Nang airport

Farewell to Vietnam

As your journey comes to an end, we hope you've created lasting memories of this beautiful country. Our driver will pick you up at the designated time to take you to the airport. Thank you for choosing to explore Vietnam. We hope to welcome you back in the future!

Included meals:

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Included today:

✓ SUV Hoi An to Da Nang Airport



Additional info

Included in the price:

- Mentioned meals in the program.
- Named hotels in the program.
- Activities as described in the program
- 24/7 assistance

Not included in the price:

- Meals not mentioned
- International flights
- Cambodia visa. (\$ 30, - + 1 passport photo)
- Personal expenses, drinks
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guides / drivers

General Information

- No parts of this program have been reserved yet. We will start making reservations once we receive an agreement for this. If a certain room type or accommodation is no longer available at the time of booking, we will propose an alternative.
- The price may change based on the availability of the room at the time of booking and the cost of regional flights at the time of issue.
- Land transfers from destination A to destination B are carried out by local drivers. We always try to find English-speaking drivers for our guests. However, it may happen that they do not always speak English well or only a few words.
- A description of a tour is always a standard description. Actual programs may always vary slightly, depending on the (weather) conditions. However, the intention of the tours always remains the same.
- Standard check-in time is from 2:00 PM. Standard check-out time is at 12:00 PM. Early check-in or late check-out can be booked for an additional fee.
- When making reservations, we always indicate the preference for bedding (double bed or twin beds), rooms next to each other or connected by a door. In most cases (95%) we get this, but we cannot guarantee this.