



**SENTEURS
DU VIETNAM**

CIRCUIT AROUND HANOI

LUXURY TRIP

10 days





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Since 2014, we are pleased to welcome travelers to our agency, to guide and advise them in their travels. Our excellent knowledge of the country allows us to organize original stays, off the beaten track. With "Senteurs du Vietnam", we offer tailor-made trips, adapted to everyone's desires and budget.

ARNAULD

In 2013, I went to Vietnam for a month to visit my brother, who settled in Hue. Traveling through the north and center of the country, I was particularly charmed by the Vietnamese way of life, its culture and the kindness of its inhabitants. The love at first sight for this country was such that I decided to settle there permanently to make my life there.

GAULTHIER

In 2012, after touring all over Vietnam, hitchhiking and motorcycling, I had a real crush on Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. Settling here was an evidence! I decided, without any hesitation, to move there since 2013 and to this day, I still don't know if I adopted Hue or if Hue adopted me!!

CIRCUIT AROUND HANOI LUXURY TRIP

2 or 4 adults

10 days

TRIP REF. **CDL003**



SCHEDULE

Days 1 and 2	Hanoi
Day 3	Mai Chau
Day 4	Pu Luong
Days 5 to 7	Tam Coc
Day 8	Halong Bay
Days 9 and 10	Hanoi

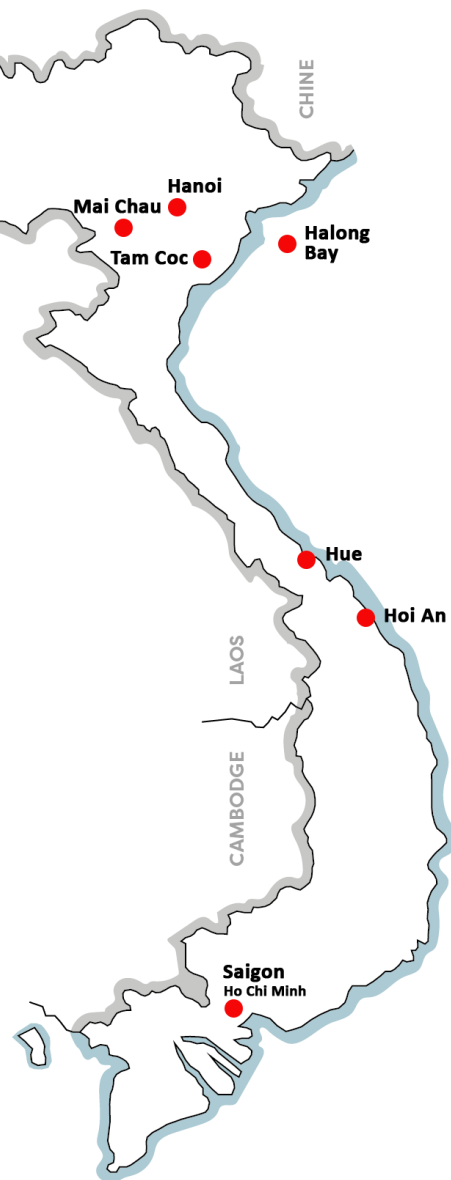


CIRCUIT AROUND HANOI DISCOVERY TRIP

For your stay in Vietnam, we suggest you to start your visit with **Hanoi**, the capital city, lively and captivating, renowned for its gastronomy and rich cultural heritage. Between temples and pagodas, historical monuments and typical neighborhoods with traditional houses, you will be amazed by its beauty.

Go to meet the ethnic minority of **Mai Chau & Pu Luong**, then, at the rice fields of **Tam Coc**, green area surrounded by steep mountains, you will be dazzled by the splendor of landscapes unique in the world.

Then enjoy an unforgettable cruise in **Halong Bay**, a true natural treasure of Vietnam, unique with its rocky peaks diving in the turquoise waters.



LEGEND



Culture Activity



Nature Activity



Adventure Activity



Leisure Activity

B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner





Day 1 | Hanoi |

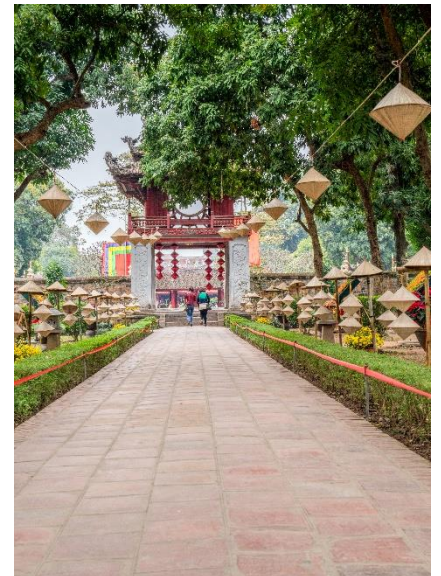
Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you at the airport then transfer to the hotel for the check-in. You will then receive our **Travel Book** with useful information and restaurant recommendations for your trip and your **eSim**.

Then, **around 10 a.m.**, dive into the atmosphere of Hanoi in the 36-guild district during a **cyclo ride**.

Take a gourmet break and **enjoy the egg coffee**, a specialty of the city.

Visit **Tran Quoc Pagoda** on the shores of Ho Tay Lake.

After **lunch**, discover the **Temple of literature**, before ending the day with a visit to the **Vietnamese women's museum** where traditional women's costumes are remarkably highlighted.



TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

Located in the old city of Hanoi, this temple has a very important place in the hearts of the Vietnamese. Indeed, it has cultural and historical value and is part of the local heritage.

It represents the quintessence of Vietnam's millennial cultural traditions, education and talent valorization.

Dedicated for centuries to Confucius and scholars, it is a magical place, full of poetry, very soothing in its green setting; the finely crafted pavilions are reflected in its lakes and ponds.





Day 2 | Hanoi | B, L

Our **English-speaking tour guide** meets you **around 8a.m.** Leave for the **old town of Duong Lam** where time seems to have stopped.

Along the way, visit the **Tay Phuong Pagoda** before arriving at the village of Mong Phu, a typical village of the Red River Delta with its more than 1,200-year history full of **old houses dating from the 17th century**. Walk the small streets of the village in the middle of the laterite walls that have acquired this pretty brown color over time, **discover how soy sauce is made**, taste local specialties and visit the communal house and then have **lunch in a local house**.

In the afternoon, visit **Mia's Pagoda** and then **Thay Pagoda**, known as the Master's Pagoda.



TAY PHUONG PAGODA

Tay Phuong Pagoda located west of the capital is one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam, it has a superb collection of statues.

A 239-step stairs leads to the entrance of this pagoda built in the 13th century, then restored in the late 17th century and in 1794 under the reign of the Tay Son.

It is a place of worship and also a very beautiful architectural ensemble with its three parallel parts; the upper, middle and lower temples which each have two floors and a roof carved with flowers, leaves, dragons, lions and phoenix.





Day 3 | Hanoi – Mai Chau |_{B, L}

Departure with our **English-speaking tour guide around 8 a.m.** to go to **Mai Chau**.

Stop at the top of the pass to enjoy the **panoramic view of the Mai Chau valley**. Then continue the journey to the village of Mai Chau, home of the White Thais ethnic minority, whom you meet during you **lunch with the locals**.

In the afternoon, **bicycle ride** to discover the activities of the locals go to the join **the hotel**.



WHITE THAI MINORITY

The Thai people in Vietnam have a common origin with Thai groups in southern China, Laos, Thailand and Burma.

Their ancestors are from the Bach Viet group living in southern China and northeastern Vietnam.

In the early years before Christ, under the oppression of the Han people, the majority people of present-day China, part of the Thai people migrated south.

Then, their origin Mai Chau gets clearer following the discovery of a book of the records in the village of Mai Ha of the valley of Mai Chau. It is the genealogical book of the Ha Cong family that dates the arrival in Mai Chau at the end of the 13th century.

Thus, the ancestors of the Thai people in Mai Chau followed the Red River and the Black River to settle in present-day Mai Chau and in other regions around 700 years ago.





Day 4 | Mai Hich – Pu Luong |_{B, D}

After **breakfast**, around **8.30 a.m.** go to **Pu Luong**. Discover the local life during a **2-3 hour walk** through rice fields and small paths taken by farmers, then **lunch** à la carte in a local restaurant overlooking the Pu Luong Valley.

Then, transfer to your hotel to relax by the pool or as desired, possibility to continue your walk.



Day 5 Pu Luong – Tam Coc |_{B, L,}

After **breakfast** drive to discover a **waterfall in the region**. Relaxation by the water and 1-hour walk before **lunch** with the local..

Enjoy a ride **on a bamboo raft of the region** before taking the road to Tam Coc where you will arrive in the late afternoon.



PU LUONG NATURAL PARK

The Pu Luong Natural Park is a cultural and natural gem with its beautiful landscapes drawn by rice fields and ethnic villages nestled at the foot of the mountains.

It is one of the most popular destinations for hikers and nature lovers in northern Vietnam. A true natural setting located on the Tam Diep Karst Mountain Range, the nature reserve is an excellent alternative from northern Vietnam to get off the beaten track and discover the mountainous regions.

Enjoy its beautiful terrace rice fields, waterfalls, many hiking trails, variety of landscapes, abundant flora and fauna, small villages of White Thai ethnicities and legendary hospitality.





Day 6 | Tam Coc |_{B, L}

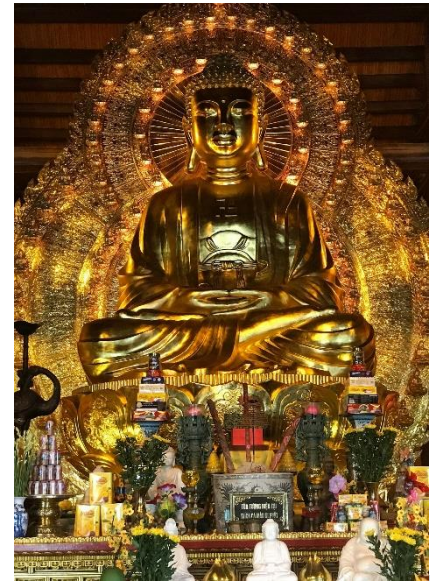
Departure from your hotel **around 8 a.m.** with our **English-speaking tour guide.**

Enjoy a 1 hour and half **cruise on a small sampan**, in the middle of the limestones. Let yourself be carried away by the magic of the place, admire the green rice fields and the mountains carved out of caves.

Admire **Bich Dong Pagoda** by the water, a Buddhist sanctuary in the middle of nowhere, built against the rock, in a splendid green setting.

After lunch, discover another architectural wonder by electric car, **Bai Dinh Pagoda**. It is the largest Buddhist complex in Southeast Asia, imbued with spirituality. You enter through the impressive Tam Quan gate before admiring the entire site, with its huge golden Buddha statues, caves and temples, surrounded by lush vegetation.

At the end of the day, admire the panoramic view of the region from **Mua Cave**.



BAI DINH PAGODA

Bai Dinh Pagoda is a 700 hectare complex with Buddhist temples. This complex is composed of an old temple and a new temple whose construction began in 2003. Very popular in Vietnam, it is the biggest Buddhist temple complex in the country.

This Pagoda includes several temples, a bell tower, a stupa, a monumental Buddha on top of a hill and three kilometers of corridors housing 500 statues of Arhat in different poses.

The old temple is built in a cave about 800 meters from the new temple.





Day 7 | Tam Coc |_{B,L}

Departure from the hotel around **9 a.m.**, with our **French-speaking tour guide** to go to **Tay Phu village** and visit of local market. Then discover how the **Bánh Chưng** is made, a traditional dish of the Tet festival in Vietnam.

After a **lunch** in a local house, meet the families who are still doing **the local crafts**: making rice noodles, water hyacinth baskets, reed mats, tofu... You will have the opportunity to discover and take part in their activities while providing them some support and additional income.

At the end of the day, go for a **bike ride** on the dam, in a peaceful setting away from the cars and among the flowers before returning to the hotel.



THE BANH CHUNG

It is said that the sixth king Hung wanted to give away his throne to that of his 20 sons who would prepare the most tasty dish for the Lunar New Year.

They all sought to offer him sophisticated and expensive dishes and went in search of the rarest products.

The eighteenth prince, Lang Lieu, who was gentle, generous and very pious, went nowhere and decided to make two simple sticky rice cakes. The first one, the banh chung which is square, would symbolize the earth.

The second one, the banh day which is round, would symbolize the sky. On New Year's Day, all the princes offered the king expensive dishes, but none really pleased him. Lang Lieu had only the banh chung and the banh day to present. The king tasted, found these two cakes excellent and decided to give him his throne.





Day 8 | Tam Coc – Lan Ha Bay |_{B, L, D}

Departure by car **around 7.30 a.m** to go to Haiphong and take the ferry to Cat Ba Island.

Meet our **English-speaking guide** and board the private junk from the harbor of **Cat Ba around noon** to discover the southern region of Halong Bay then enjoy **lunch** amidst the limestone.

In the afternoon, **relax and swim on the beach of Van Doi** before a going **kayaking** in Bai Tra Dao or Dau Be. Admire the sunset on the junk before **dinner** and then then discover squid fishing.



HALONG BAY

Halong Bay, recognized by the UNESCO as a World Natural Heritage Site, is overlooked by more than 1969 limestones and islets that emerge from the waters, sometimes reaching 100 meters high, and housing many caves.

Its picturesque beauty, its archaeological and geological significance, its cultural and historical ties, its fresh seafood and proximity to international access make Halong Bay one of the most popular places in Vietnam.

The Bay is divided into several areas. To fully enjoy the peace and beauty of the place, we prefer the bays of Lan Ha and Tu Long.



Day 9 Lan Ha Bay – Hanoi |_{B, L}

If you are an early riser, marvel at the splendor of the sunrise over the immensity of the bay.

After **breakfast**, visit the village of **Viet Hai by bike** to discover this small local village.

Come back to the boat check out and **lunch** then return to the harbor **around 11.45 a.m.** to take the ferry then the road to Hanoi where you arrive **around 4.30 p.m.**



Day 10 Hanoi – Return flight |_B

Transfer to **Hanoi** airport for you return flight.





Your hotel in Hanoi | 3 nights + early check in Sofitel Legend Metropole

A historic and luxurious monument since 1901, the Sofitel Legend Metropole offers spa services, a heated swimming pool and 24-hour room service. It is located in the centre of Hanoi, near the old quarter. This 5-star hotel is just 160 metres from the famous Hanoi Opera House and less than 500 metres from the picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake.



The hotel has retained its original grandeur and its rooms are tastefully decorated in an elegant neoclassical or traditional French style. Fully air-conditioned, each room is equipped with free internet access and a flat-screen TV.

Premium Opera Wing



SOFITEL LEGEND METROP

15 Ngo Quyen Street, Hoan Kiem
Hanoi

THE "SOFITEL" PLUS



Continental breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Wifi



Bar



Spa & Wellness center



Swimming pool





Your hotel in Mai Chau | 1 night

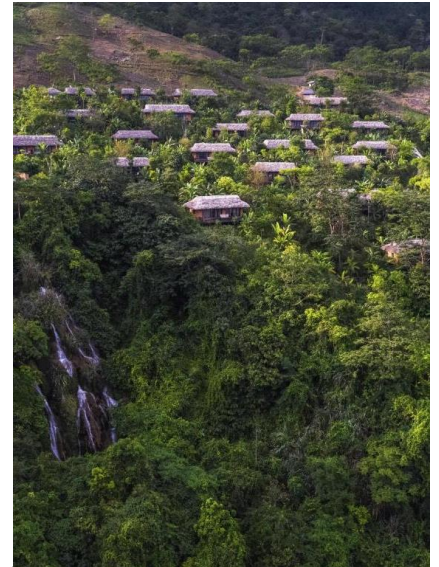
Avana Retreat

Located in Mai Châu, Avana Retreat features a garden, terrace, restaurant and bar. Many facilities and services are provided on site, including room service, 24-hour front desk and free WiFi available in all areas. This hotel offers an outdoor swimming pool, a gym, evening entertainment and a kids' club.



All accommodation has a balcony. The private bathroom comes with a shower, free toiletries and a hairdryer. You will enjoy a coffee machine and an iPad.

Double or Twin Room



AVANA RETREAT
Mai Chau Villas 14
Mai Châu

THE "AVANA RETREAT" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Restaurant



Your hotel in Pu Luong | 1 night **Pu Luong Retreat**

Located in the Pu Luong area, Pu Luong Retreat offers peaceful accommodation, an infinity pool, a restaurant and rock garden, surrounded by nature and lush greenery. Guests can enjoy views of the rice terrace and mountains. Free WiFi is available in public areas.



With a balcony, the rooms and suites offer a seating area and views of the valley. The private bathroom fitted with a shower and free toiletries. In addition, some suites have a bathtub.

Double or Twin Room



PU LUONG RETREAT

Don Village, Thanh Lam Commune,
Pu Luong, Ba Thuoc
Pu Luong

THE "RETREAT" PLUS



Breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Restaurant





Your hotel in Tam Coc | 3 nights

Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat

Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat is located in Ninh Binh, 26 km from this point of interest: Bai Dinh Pagoda. It offers free bicycle rental, an outdoor swimming pool, a gym and free private parking. It features a garden, a shared lounge and a bar. The property includes a 24-hour front desk, airport transfers, a shared kitchen and free Wi-Fi.



All accommodation features air conditioning, a desk, a terrace with mountain views, private bathroom, TV, bed linen and towels. The room also have a safe. Some rooms also have a balcony and others offer views of the pool. You will enjoy a wardrobe and a kettle.

Double or Twin Deluxe Room



JIVA HOA LU RETREAT

Thai Vi Temple, Ninh Hai Commune,
Hoa Lu District
Ninh Binh

THE "JIVA" PLUS



Continental, vegan and
buffet breakfast



Non-smoking room



Air-conditioned room



Swimming pool



Wifi



Restaurant



Spa and wellness center





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A customer
is a friend
during a trip.
I welcome
you as my
best friend
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According to our [terms and conditions](#).

INCLUDED

- Transfers, Excursions with Entrance fees of the mentioned sites
- Cruise on Lan Ha Bay in private junk
- Meal mentioned, B, L, D
- English-speaking tour guide when mentioned
- Accommodation mentioned or equivalent
- Travel book
- eSim (if compatible)
- Tax and administrative fees

EXCLUDED

- International flights
- Meals & Drinks not mentioned
- Tips & Personal expenses
- [Travel insurance](#)
- All services not mentioned in included
- Visa

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