# TOUR 2: HANOI – NINH BINH - HALONG – HANOI 5 DAYS

**DETAILED ITINERARY**

**DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL – CITY TOUR (PRIVATE TOUR)**

Welcome to Hanoi - Vietnam!

Upon arrival, you will be collected by our Driver ( No Guide) at Noi Bai Airport and transfer to the hotel, then check-in as per hotel's standard check-in time.

Afternoon, start with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only since it's closed on Mondays, Fridays and all afternoon), Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, and the One Pillar Pagoda.

Next, head to Hanoi's Train Street to experience the unique sight of a train passing through the narrow street. Enjoy a coffee at a local café here if you wish (at your own expense).

Following that, a walking tour in the Old Quarter will allow you to explore the bustling streets, traditional shops, and colonial architecture. The tour concludes with a drop-off at your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

**DAY 2: HANOI - NINH BINH (HOA LU - CYCLING - TRANG AN) - HANOI (SIC TOUR) (B/L)**

Breakfast at hotel.

**Pick-up time: ~ 7:00 / Drop-off time: ~ 18:30**

Our tour guide will pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi and take you to Ninh Binh province, located about 120 km from the city.

After a short break along the way, the first stop is at Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam. Here, you'll learn about the history behind the capital's move to Hanoi and explore the impressive architecture of the temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, the first and second emperors of ancient Vietnam. The temples, built in the 17th century, offer a glimpse into the country's rich history and culture.

Next, enjoy a 45-minute cycling tour around the village, giving you a chance to discover the daily life of the local people.

A buffet lunch awaits you at a local restaurant, offering a variety of local dishes.

After lunch, visit Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014. Known for its stunning tunnel cave system, Trang An was a filming location for the 2016 movie "Kong: Skull Island." Embark on a boat trip to explore the area, taking in the breathtaking scenery, caves such as Sang Cave, Toi Cave, and Nau Ruou Cave, and the tranquil green river.

The tour concludes with a return trip to Hanoi, where you'll be dropped off at your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

**DAY 3: HANOI - HALONG BAY - TRANSFERRED BY SHUTTLE BUS - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (SHARED BOAT) (B/L/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, transfer to Ha Long Bay by the cruise's shuttle bus.

Upon arrival, board the cruise and begin your journey through the stunning Ha Long Bay while enjoying a lunch of local cuisine on board. Ha Long Bay, meaning "Descending Dragon Bay" in Vietnamese, is steeped in legend as the place where a sacred dragon descended from the sky. The bay, recognized as one of the world's wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasts around 2,000 karst islands and islets spread over 1,553 km², with a geological history dating back 500 million years.

After lunch, participate in a guided tour of a grotto, where you'll marvel at the fascinating formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Continue with a visit to a nearby island, where you can relax on the beach or take a short hike to a viewpoint for a panoramic view of the bay.

As the day winds down, return to the cruise to unwind and take in the breathtaking bay view at sunset. Then, join a cooking class where you can learn to make traditional Vietnamese dishes and later enjoy a dinner featuring local specialties on board.

In the evening, join in on optional activities such as squid fishing. Overnight on the cruise.

Note: The cruise itinerary may vary based on your chosen cruise. A stationed English-speaking guide will be available on board.

**DAY 4: HALONG - HANOI - TRANSFERRED BY SHUTTLE BUS (B/BR)**

In the morning, start your day with a refreshing Tai Chi session on the sundeck at dawn, taking in the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay. Enjoy tea and coffee on board as you continue exploring the bay's stunning 2,000 islets and some of its major highlights.

Later, you have the option to go kayaking or take a bamboo boat ride to explore hidden lagoons and get up close to the towering limestone cliffs.

Around 9:00, check out of your cabin and savor a brunch (local food) while cruising back toward the shore.

As you approach the mainland, enjoy some final moments on the deck, taking in the last views of the magnificent bay. Disembark at around 11:00 AM and transfer back to Hanoi by shuttle bus.

Check in your hotel and have time at leisure.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

**DAY 5: HANOI DEPARTURE (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and check out

Free at leisure until transfer with driver (no guide) to the airport for your departure flight.

**End of service!**

**ACCOMMODATIONS (BELOW HOTELS OR EQUIVALENT)**

| CITY | 3-STAR | 4-STAR | 5-STAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hanoi | **First Eden Hotel**<br>ROH (Superior & Deluxe) | **La Passion Classic**<br>Deluxe Room | **Grand Vista Hotel**<br>Deluxe |
| Halong Bay | **Le Journey Premium Cruise**<br>Deluxe Cabin | | **Dragon Bay Premium Cruise**<br>Deluxe Balcony |

Note: Some hotels may request security deposits at check-in.

**QUOTATION: Price per person in USD, based on group size stated.**

**From 1st April 2026 , 1st October 2026 to 30th Apr 2027 (except black-out dates)**

| Hotel category | 1 pax | 2 – 3 pax | 4 - 5 pax | 6 pax | Single supplement |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **3-star** | 484 | 290 | 275 | 266 | 146 |
| **4-star** | 538 | 317 | 302 | 293 | 172 |
| **5-star** | 773 | 434 | 416 | 404 | 272 |

**From 1st May to 30th Sep 2026 (except black-out dates)**

| Hotel category | 1 pax | 2 – 3 pax | 4 - 5 pax | 6 pax | Single supplement |
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| **3-star** | 460 | 277 | 263 | 254 | 134 |
| **4-star** | 520 | 308 | 293 | 284 | 163 |
| **5-star** | 688 | 392 | 374 | 361 | 232 |

Note: Rates for 1 pax include the single supplement.

| INCLUSIONS | EXCLUSIONS |
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| Accommodations based on twin/double occupancy (Standard check-in time: ~14:00 – 15:00, standard check-out time: ~11:00 – 12:00 noon)<br>Cruise based on a twin/ double occupancy on a shared boat (Check-in/check-out time: as per cruise's standard)<br>Meals mentioned in the itinerary: B=Breakfast, Br=Brunch, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.<br>Tours and sightseeing as per the itinerary<br>Transfers by vehicles with A/C<br>Private airport transfers<br>Private vehicle(s) for private tour(s)<br>Shared bus for SIC tours<br>Boat trip(s) as mentioned in the itinerary<br>Tour guide(s) escort as per the itinerary (English-speaking guides – different guides in different SIC tours)<br>Bottles of water on vehicles for tour days and transfers:<br>2 bottles per person per full day<br>1 bottle per person per half day or airport transfer | E-Visa to Vietnam (Single entry)<br>Meals not mentioned in the itinerary<br>Single Supplement. Early check-in and late check-out charges. Room upgrades.<br>Flights tickets (International and Domestic) and airport taxes<br>Bank transfer fees for payment and taxes (GST, TCS…)<br>Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, and tips for **SIC Tours' staff**, hotels' staff, restaurants' staff, boatmen…)<br>Services not mentioned in the itinerary<br>Compulsory tipping for tour guides and drivers **if having private tours:**<br>USD 3 per person per full-day tour<br>USD 1.5 per person per half-day tour or airport transfer |