

## HANOI – HALONG CRUISE – TAM COC: 5 DAYS

Temple of Literature



Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



Hoan Kiem Lake



We will explore the most amazing places in the north of Vietnam. First, we will explore Hanoi charming city, half day city tour will bring you to visit President Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake and the old quarter of Hanoi. After Hanoi, we are going to Tam Coc, Ninh Binh where we visit the Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, enjoy the boat trip in Tam Coc and to discover the countryside. For the third day, we will have two days and one night stay on cruise to explore the seven natural wonder of the world. Let's explore north of Vietnam with Impress Travel.

### ITINERARY IN DETAILS:

#### DAY 1 : HANOI ARRIVAL – GREETING – HANOI CITY TOUR – Private Tour (L)

- Good morning, then **pick up at Noi Bai International Airport, & transfer to Hanoi Capital city.**
- **Check-in hotel, then have a lunch.**
- Afternoon sightseeing tour begins by a visit to **President Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (closed on Monday and Friday, every afternoon, and whole from 15 June – 15 August, we can still view from the outside the building), a sightseeing of the Presidential Palace (view from outside), President's Fishpond, House On Stilts, and the famous One Pillar Pagoda.
- Next is a visit to the **Temple of Literature**, where Confucius – Founder of Confucianism is worshiped, this place also served as the first National University of Vietnam where many kings, mandarins and talented people of Vietnam were trained!
- Tour continued by a visit to one of the most beautiful lakes of Hanoi – the **Hoan Kiem lake** (Restore Sword Lake) & **Ngoc Son Temple** located on a beautiful Island in the middle of the lake.
- **A short walking tour** in the old quarter.
- **Dinner is available on your request.**
- **Overnight at Hanoi Hotel.**

**Day Inclusions:** Private A/C transfer, English-speaking tour guide, lunch, entrance fee, hotel in Hanoi

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**DAY 2: HANOI – NINH BINH (TAM COC, HOA LU) TOUR (B/L)**



- Good morning, **have breakfast at hotel.**
- **7.30 – 8.00 AM:** Pick up at your hotel in the Old Quarter and transfer to Tam Coc.
- 8.00 – 10.00 AM: Duration of **2 hour transferring**, our tour guide will give you the information of Vietnam such as history, culture, people... Especially, we will have a mini game show to teach you how to say and write some **Vietnamese simple words** such as Xin Chào, Tạm Biệt, Tôi yêu Ninh Bình... on the conical hat which we will give you as a little souvenir and you can wear it during all the trip.
- **10 AM: Arrive in Tam Coc**, we will prepare for a **boat trip to visit the beautiful Tam Coc**, it takes 1.30 hours rowing along Ngo Dong river through the three mysterious caves while enjoying spectacular scenery surrounded by rice paddies and towering limestone mountain peaks.
- 11.30 AM: We will get on **Thanh pier for a short walk to visit Thai Vi Temple** which is one of the well-known temple in Ninh Binh and Vietnam. Continuing 10 minutes walking along the valley with rice fields, rivers and lotus ponds for Tam Coc Nature Lodge, where we will spend the **interesting time for relaxing & having set menu lunch - Vietnamese food.**
- 13.30 PM: you have a chance to be a fisherman and **learn how to catch the fish** in the pond or river.
- 14:00 – 15:00 PM: We **ride a bike** to Thung Nang where we ride along the river among of the rice field, lotus ponds and Limestone Mountains. Then continue to ride a bike to discover Dan Khe Trong village where the real picture of the rural countryside in the north of Vietnam.
- 15: 00: Return the Van, drive to visit **Hoa Lu Ancient citadel** which was built in the 10th century, we will visit the two temples where dedicated to King Dinh & King Le.
- 16:00 PM: Leave Hoa Lu, Ninh Binh province and **head back to Hanoi Capital.**
- 18:30: Arrive in Hanoi & we will **drop you at your hotel in the Old Quarter.**
- **Have dinner is available on your request.**
- **Overnight at Hanoi Hotel.**

***Day Inclusions:** Outstanding English speaking guide, Lunch – Vietnamese Cuisine at Tam Coc Nature Eco Lodge, All sightseeing tickets, Good bike with gears, 02 bottles of Mineral water, Services charges and government tax, Rowing boat to visit Tam Coc, One conical hat as souvenir, Demonstration of teaching to learn how to write, speak Vietnamese, and catch fish*

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### DAY 3: HANOI – HALONG CRUISE (B/L/D)



- Good morning, **have breakfast at your hotel**, then check-out hotel.
- **07:30am – 08:00 am, pick up from your hotel** to travel to Halong Bay (notice: pickup time can be a bit flexible depends on each different Cruise, distance Hanoi – Halong bay is 160km, a stop for a break time on halfway for a refreshment).
- You enjoy the drive and sightseeing the peaceful countryside scenery during the bus trip (4 hours), we arrive at the at Ha Long bay seaport at around noontime.
- At 12.00 noon, **you aboard the cruise**, check-in & enjoy a **welcome drink** while your cabin will be assigned.
- **Check-in your cabin** and put your luggage in, relax and may do a short inspection tour by moving around the cruise to discover about the cruise's architecture & design
- Relax, sightseeing and taking photographs
- **A sumptuous lunch with fresh seafood meal** will be served while cruise slowly gliding out into the Halong bay.
- 15h00 – 16h00 explore the amazing Sung Sot Cave – the most beautiful cave in Halong Bay.
- 16h00 – 17h00 Cruising to Titov Island. Go swimming and relaxing at the beach of Titov or climb up to the top of the island for a panorama view of Halong Bay.
- 17h00 – 17h30 Return to the main boat and continue cruising to the quiet area while enjoy beautiful seascape on the way.
- 17h30 – 19h00 Enjoy Sunset Party on sundeck and admire the best moments of the day when the sun starts to set.
- 19h00 **Dinner is served**. Socialize with other guests, take part in board games, fish for squid, or just laze around.
- Overnight in your cabin on Cruise.

**Day Inclusions:** Hotel breakfast, shuttle bus A/C transfer, English speaking tour guide on CRUISE only, entrance fee, full board, joint Cruise in Halong bay with private cabin (2 persons share 1 cabin)

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**DAY 4: HALONG BAY – HANOI (B/L)**



- Start your day with **Tai Chi exercises** or a photo hunt.
- 07h00 – 07h30 **Have breakfast** on board and enjoy the peaceful morning of Halong Bay.
- 08h30 – 09h30 Kayak among the hidden areas of the bay, around the Drum Cave.
- 09h45 return to the boat. Freshen up and check out of your cabin.
- 10h00 – 10h30 continue your cruise exploring the Bay, passing Ba Hang fishing village, Dog Islet, and more.
- 10h30 – 11h30 while heading back to the harbor, watch the fruit carving demonstration and participate in the **Cooking Class** before enjoying **a traditional Vietnamese lunch.**
- 11h45 – 12h00 Disembark V'Spirit Classic.
- 12h15 – 12h30 Transfer back to Hanoi.
- About **16:00** – Arrival back to Hanoi central city, recheck in the hotel - **Dinner is available on your request.**
- Free time & **Overnight in Hanoi city**

**Day Inclusions:** Breakfast & lunch on Cruise, local English speaking tour guide on Cruise, entrance fee, and Halong cruise – disembark at noon time, A/C land transfer with shuttle bus, hotel in Hanoi

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## DAY 5: HANOI CITY CENTER TO NOI BAI AIRPORT – DEPARTURE (B)



- Good morning Hanoi City, then **enjoy breakfast at the hotel**. Then free time to explore Hanoi city before **transferring to Noi Bai airport** for your own scheduled flight going home or to continue visiting other tourist destination of your own travel plan, - The end of the tour, thank you and see you again!

**Day Inclusions:** Breakfast at hotel, A/C transfer with complimentary water

### What are included in this trip?

- ✓ A/C accommodation with DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM (2 persons share 1 room; single room can be available on request) with daily breakfast
- ✓ A/C transfer from Airports to the hotel and other tourist destinations according to the itinerary
- ✓ Bus round trip to Hanoi - Ha Long Bay; (private land transfer available on request)
- ✓ 2 days 1 night on Joint Cruise trip in Halong Bay, with DOUBLE or TWIN (2 persons share 1 cabin; single cabin can be available on request), full meals on board
- ✓ Kayaking in Halong bay
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary. (Breakfast = 04; Lunch = 04; Dinner = 01)
- ✓ English- speaking guides as specified (Chinese/ Malaysian speaking guide can be available on request)
- ✓ Boat trip to explore Tam Coc
- ✓ Bicycle with good gears in Tam Coc
- ✓ Learning Vietnamese on Car / Mini - Van to Tam Coc
- ✓ Conical hat as souvenir in Tam Coc
- ✓ Fishing in Tam Coc
- ✓ Entrance fees
- ✓ Mineral water (2 bottles/ per day with sightseeing tour)

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**What are excluded in this trip?**

- ✓ All international and domestic flights
- ✓ Specified as Chinese/ Malaysian/ Indonesian/ Thai speaking guide can be available on request to pay for extra-fee.
- ✓ Travel Insurance
- ✓ Airport taxes
- ✓ All meals not mentioned
- ✓ Tips for tour guides, drivers, crew members in Halong Bay, other attendants if may have (3 USD/pax/day)
- ✓ Other personal expenses not mentioned.

**3-STAR HOTEL IN HANOI, CRUISE IN HALONG SELECTED**

| Destination | Hotel Category | HOTEL NAME, ROOM TYPE & WEBSITE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hanoi       | 3-STAR         | <b>THANG LONG ESPANA HOTEL - SUPERIOR</b><br><a href="http://espana.thanglonghanoihotels.com/">http://espana.thanglonghanoihotels.com/</a><br><b>ADAMAS HANOI HOTEL &amp; SPA –SUPERIOR</b><br><a href="http://www.adamashanoihotel.com/">http://www.adamashanoihotel.com/</a> |
| Halong Bay  | 3-STAR         | <b>V’SPRIT CRUISE HALONG BAY – DELUXE</b><br><a href="http://www.vspiritcruises.com">www.vspiritcruises.com</a>                                                                                                                                                                |

**NOTICE:**

- The hotels and cruise are subject to change to similar category in case of fully booked
- Halal food and seafood will be served for the Muslim travelers, if any traveler avoids eating something, please let us know early for the best operation & great trip.
- Early check-in and late check-out (official hotel check-in is at 14:00, check-out time is 12:00 midnight)
- The day of departure, without tour guide for small group tour and with guide for private tour.
- For tailor-made or customized tour, please email to [customize@impresstravel.com](mailto:customize@impresstravel.com)

**Thank you for joining us & Have a very good journey!**

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