

Vietnam Classic Journey

11 Days / 10 Nights

Experience the best of Vietnam on this 11-day journey, from the misty highlands to coastal heritage towns. Begin with an overnight train to Sapa, where breathtaking mountain views and the Fansipan Cable Car reveal Hoang Lien Son peaks and Muong Hoa Valley. Explore ethnic Red Zao and Black Hmong villages before returning to Hanoi to uncover the Old Quarter, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and Temple of Literature. Drift through Ninh Binh's UNESCO-listed Trang An caves, then cruise the emerald waters of Halong Bay. Continue south to Hue's imperial citadel, temples, and pagodas before ending in Hoi An's enchanting lantern-lit streets.



Insider Experiences

- Fansipan Peak: ride the cable car to Vietnam's highest summit with breathtaking views over Muong Hoa Valley
- Ha Long Bay: cruise through emerald waters and limestone karsts aboard a traditional junk boat
- Hoi An Ancient Town: explore lantern-lit streets and heritage houses in a UNESCO-preserved trading port
- Ban Khoang Village: meet the Red Zao people in a remote valley where cardamom and rice terraces sustain life
- Trang An Landscape Complex: glide by small boat through caves and karst peaks in a UNESCO World Heritage site

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Itinerary Details

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival to Sapa

Arrive in Hanoi, where your local guide will meet you and accompany you to the station. Board the comfortable overnight train heading north toward Sapa, a journey that takes you from the lively energy of the capital into the quieter rhythms of rural Vietnam. As the train rolls through the countryside, settle in and anticipate the mountain scenery and cultural discoveries awaiting you in the highlands.

Overnight in Chapa Express Train (or similar)

Day 2: Sapa (B)

As dawn approaches, arrive early into Lao Cai station, where you will disembark and transfer to your hotel in Sapa town. Along the way, take in the spectacular panoramic mountain scenery. Located in the far northwest of Vietnam in the mountains bordering China, Sapa is home to deep mountain valleys and traditional villages.

After enjoying a delightful breakfast with your fellow travellers, you will spend your morning admiring the beauty of Sapa on-board the Fansipan Cable Car that will take you 3000m to the upmost peak of Fansipan to explore the many temples as well as admire the natural beauty of Hoang Lien Son and Muong Hoa Valley.

Overnight in Bamboo Sapa (or similar)

Day 3: Sapa (B/ L)

This morning, you will be met at your hotel in Sapa by local guide and driver for a short road transfer heading northwards of Sapa along national road 4C to O Quy Ho with several stops for magnificent landscapes of Fansipan, Sin Chai valley and especially amazing flower and vegetable farms. Then turn right to follow a narrow road for half an hour getting through the wild region with thick rain forest covering walled-up mountains, passing several waterfalls before arriving to Ban Khoang, a village of the Red Zao ethnic peoples who live their unique way of life and well maintain their traditional values. The village looks prosperous thanks to the combination of wet rice cultivation on the terraced fields with cardamom farming under the shade of trees in thick forest. Spend over an hour walking to explore this remote village for a brief understanding of local life. Leaving Ban Khoang and process along the road for about 10km to Ta Giang Phinh valley inhabited by the Black Hmong who live in some small villages scattering along a peaceful stream.

Enjoy an hour lunch break on the bank of a stream before walking along village path which connects village to village to witness the local's daily activities such as plough and harrow the fields, growing, harvesting or simply housework. In leisure months men often gather to build new houses or repair parts of old ones while women stay home making their traditional costumes. The walk ends mid-afternoon, picked up for the road ride back to Sapa.

Overnight in Bamboo Sapa (or similar)

Day 4: Sapa to Hanoi (B)

After enjoying breakfast, take advantage of a leisurely morning to explore Sapa at your own pace. Then you begin a scenic return drive through the mountains, heading back towards Hanoi. Along the way, enjoy the changing landscapes as you descend from Sapa's highlands to the vibrant city of Hanoi. On arrival in Hanoi, transfer to your hotel and enjoy free time until your tour briefing and welcome drinks with your fellow travellers.

Overnight in Le Jardin Hotel & Spa (or similar)

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Day 5: Hanoi (B/ L)

Today experience the charm of Hanoi. Drive past some of Hanoi's unique sites including Long Bien Bridge, St Joseph's Church & the Opera House. Continue with a walking tour through the fascinating Old Quarter - 36 ancient streets where you can observe the daily bustle of life around the markets where peddlers continue to trade as they have done for centuries. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, dedicated to the father of modern Vietnam – Uncle Ho, to see his mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, his 'house on stilts' and the One Pillar Pagoda. A short drive to observe the Citadel & Flag Tower which was made a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2010.

After lunch at KOTO restaurant continue with a visit to the Temple of Literature - Vietnam's first university now dedicated to Confucian worship. Also visit Tran Quoc and Ngoc Son Temples then the "Hanoi Hilton" - the nickname given to the place where captured U.S pilots were imprisoned during the Vietnam War - now converted into a small museum before returning to your hotel.

Please note: The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays; The Ho Chi Minh Museum & the Citadel are closed on Mondays. The Presidential Palace can only be viewed from the outside. The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum has annual maintenance normally from September for 2 to 3 months and can only be viewed from the outside. All other sites in the Ho Chi Minh complex are still accessible during this period

Overnight in Le Jardin Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Day 6: Hanoi to Ninh Binh (B)

This morning travel some 90kms south to you Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam dating back to the 10th century. Visit the famous sanctuary of Dinh Tien Hoang, a former emperor of the Dinh Dynasty, and the temple dedicated to the Le Emperor. Following the demise of the Le dynasty the capital was moved to Ha Noi.

After lunch (own arrangement) we visit the Trang An Landscape Complex. A spectacular landscape of limestone karst peaks permeated with valleys, many of them partly submerged and surrounded by steep, almost vertical cliffs. Exploration of caves has revealed evidence of traces of human activity over a continuous period of more than 30,000 years. Recently awarded UNESCO world heritage status we take a small boat through this magnificent area. Continue to Ninh Binh and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel (or similar)

Day 7: Ninh Binh to Ha Long Bay (B/ L/ D)

Marvel at the towering limestone karsts and vast paddy fields as you make your way from Ninh Binh to Halong City, the gateway to Halong Bay. Dotted with 3,000 limestones karsts, Halong Bay is one of Vietnam's stunning natural wonders. Board a beautifully appointed junk boat and begin to cruise the impressive emerald waters of Halong Bay. Enjoy a sumptuous lunch before stopping to explore the many secluded corners of the bay. In the evening, retreat to your private cabin, or relax on the main deck or at the bar.

Overnight in Athena Luxury Cruise (or similar)

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Day 8: Ha Long Bay to Hue (B)

Rise early to enjoy a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck, or choose to relax and take in your final moments in this majestic location before feasting on a delicious buffet brunch. After disembarking, drive back to Hanoi for your onwards flight to the former imperial capital of Hue, situated on the banks of the Perfume River.

Overnight in Pilgrimage Village Resort (or similar)

Day 9: Hue to Hoi An (B)

Depart your hotel for your half day tour of Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. View the tomb of the fourth emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty Tu Duc set beautifully amongst lakes & frangipani trees. Continue with a stop at Bunker Hill overlooking the Perfume River with panoramic views of the plains that stretch towards the mountains in the west. & then a brief stop at the Tiger Colosseum. Next we explore the impressive home of the Nguyen Dynasty emperors - the Citadel. Graded as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993, much of the Citadel was destroyed during the Tet Offensive in 1968 but is gradually being restored. We finish with a short boat trip to the much-revered Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's oldest and most beautiful.

After lunch (own arrangement), you will leave Hue for Hoi An. The guide and driver will take you over the beautiful Hai Van Pass - Vietnam's geographical and psychological boundary between north and south. The peak of the pass lies perpetually shrouded in clouds. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check-in. This evening is free for you to explore Hoi An at leisure.

Overnight in Le Pavilion Luxury Resort (or similar)

Day 10: Hoi An (B)

This morning, you will begin your walking tour of this UNESCO world heritage site. Hoi An was once Vietnam's most active trading centre and over many centuries the Old Town has been largely preserved. The architecture of the city reflects the influence of Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, French and British traders. Hoi An is also the town where French Missionary Alexandre De Rhodes introduced Catholicism to Vietnam as well as the Romanised script that has become the standard Vietnamese script. Today you will be guided on a walking tour through the streets of enchanting Hoi An. You will visit a traditional ancient house, the Hoi An Museum, a Chinese Assembly Hall, Chau Ong pagoda and the Japanese Covered Bridge. The tour will end in Hoi An Ancient Town where you can enjoy more time at your leisure.

Overnight in Le Pavilion Luxury Resort (or similar)

Day 11: Hoi An to Da Nang Departure (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a short drive to Danang where your journey concludes or continues onward to your next destination. As you depart, reflect on the variety of experiences from misty mountain villages to vibrant cities, serene bays and ancient towns that together made this trip through Vietnam truly unforgettable.

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Inclusions

- Arrival and Departure Transfers
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- Internal Flights as specified in itinerary
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- Overnight on Cruise as stated
- Overnight on Train as stated
- Tipping for Guide and Driver
- Transport in Air-conditioned Vehicles
- Accommodation in Stated Hotels or similar

Exclusions

- Early Check-in and Late Check-out
- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Porters
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)

Departures

Rates are NET per person in USD on a sharing Twin or Double Room basis.

Date	Start Date	End Date	TWN/DBL Share	SGL Room
02/04/2026	Thu, 02 Apr 26	Sun, 12 Apr 26	1489	1909
16/04/2026	Thu, 16 Apr 26	Sun, 26 Apr 26	1489	1909
30/04/2026	Thu, 30 Apr 26	Sun, 10 May 26	1489	1909
14/05/2026	Thu, 14 May 26	Sun, 24 May 26	1460	1847
28/05/2026	Thu, 28 May 26	Sun, 07 Jun 26	1460	1847
11/06/2026	Thu, 11 Jun 26	Sun, 21 Jun 26	1460	1847
25/06/2026	Thu, 25 Jun 26	Sun, 05 Jul 26	1460	1847
09/07/2026	Thu, 09 Jul 26	Sun, 19 Jul 26	1460	1847
23/07/2026	Thu, 23 Jul 26	Sun, 02 Aug 26	1460	1847
06/08/2026	Thu, 06 Aug 26	Sun, 16 Aug 26	1460	1847
20/08/2026	Thu, 20 Aug 26	Sun, 30 Aug 26	1460	1847
03/09/2026	Thu, 03 Sep 26	Sun, 13 Sep 26	1460	1847
17/09/2026	Thu, 17 Sep 26	Sun, 27 Sep 26	1460	1847
01/10/2026	Thu, 01 Oct 26	Sun, 11 Oct 26	1489	1909
15/10/2026	Thu, 15 Oct 26	Sun, 25 Oct 26	1489	1909

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29/10/2026	Thu, 29 Oct 26	Sun, 08 Nov 26	1489	1909
12/11/2026	Thu, 12 Nov 26	Sun, 22 Nov 26	1489	1909
26/11/2026	Thu, 26 Nov 26	Sun, 06 Dec 26	1489	1909
10/12/2026	Thu, 10 Dec 26	Sun, 20 Dec 26	1489	1909
24/12/2026	Thu, 24 Dec 26	Sun, 03 Jan 27	1489	1909
07/01/2027	Thu, 07 Jan 27	Sun, 17 Jan 27	1489	1909
21/01/2027	Thu, 21 Jan 27	Sun, 31 Jan 27	1489	1909
04/02/2027	Thu, 04 Feb 27	Sun, 14 Feb 27	1489	1909
18/02/2027	Thu, 18 Feb 27	Sun, 28 Feb 27	1489	1909
04/03/2027	Thu, 04 Mar 27	Sun, 14 Mar 27	1489	1909
18/03/2027	Thu, 18 Mar 27	Sun, 28 Mar 27	1489	1909

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1. Booking & Confirmation

All services are subject to availability and confirmed in writing. Proposals are valid at the time of issue and will only be guaranteed once accepted within a reasonable period. Rates may change if acceptance is delayed.

2. Payment Conditions

Full payment is required before guest arrival:

- Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia: **30 days prior**
- Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines: **35 days prior**

Payments must be made to the bank account stated on the invoice. All bank charges are borne by the payer. Late payments may result in price increases or cancellation of services. Overdue balances of more than 30 days are subject to 4% annual interest.

3. Deposits & Tickets

Most FIT bookings do not require deposits unless specific suppliers (e.g., cruises, trains, hotels) request it.

Group bookings for Japan & South Korea: 15% refundable deposit.

Airlines may impose immediate issuance and non-refundable conditions; once tickets are issued, airline cancellation rules prevail.

4. Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted in writing.

Standard Policy (all countries except where noted):

- 31+ days: **No charge**
- 15–30 days: **10%**
- 7–14 days: **20%**
- 1–6 days: **50%**
- No Show: **100%**

Myanmar / Japan / South Korea:

- 46+ days: **No charge**
- 45–30 days: **20%**
- 29–14 days: **40%**
- 13–1 days: **75%**
- No Show: **100%**

Supplier-specific cancellation rules override the above when stricter.

5. Liability & Force Majeure

Kavaya acts as an intermediary between hotels, airlines, transport providers and local suppliers. We are not liable for loss, injury, delays, natural events, political incidents, or other force majeure events beyond our control. Any additional expenses caused by such events are borne by the traveler.

6. Complaints

All complaints must be submitted in writing within 4 weeks after the client's return.

7. Jurisdiction

Any legal claim against Kavaya Travel Group shall be handled under the jurisdiction of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.