

## Vietnam Northern Icons

8 Days / 7 Nights

Experience the highlights of northern Vietnam on this 8 day journey that blends breathtaking landscapes with rich cultural heritage. Begin with an overnight train to Sapa, where soaring peaks, the Fansipan Cable Car and visits to Red Zao and Black Hmong villages reveal the charm of mountain life. Return to Hanoi to explore the Old Quarter, historic temples and the Ho Chi Minh complex before venturing south to Ninh Binh's ancient capital and UNESCO listed Trang An caves. Conclude with an unforgettable cruise on Halong Bay, drifting among dramatic limestone karsts and emerald waters for a truly memorable finale.



### Insider Experiences

- Fansipan Peak: soar by cable car to Vietnam's highest mountain for panoramic views of valleys and temples
- Ha Long Bay: drift through emerald waters among limestone karsts, waking to sunrise Tai Chi on deck
- Hanoi Old Quarter: wander 36 historic streets alive with traders, markets, and timeless charm
- Ban Khoang Village: walk among Red Zao homes where rice terraces and cardamom farming sustain traditions
- Trang An Boat Ride: glide through caves and limestone valleys in a UNESCO landscape of ancient human history

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## Itinerary Details

### **Day 1: Hanoi Arrival to Sapa**

Arrive in Hanoi where your local guide greets you and accompanies you to the station. Board the overnight train bound for Sapa and settle into the gentle rhythm of the journey as the city lights fade to quiet countryside. Drift off with the thought of cool mountain air and the rich cultures of the northwest waiting for you in the morning.

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 Hotel (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 daily activities of local life such as plough and harrow the fields, growing, harvesting or doing some house work. 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 in mid-afternoon, picked up for the road ride back to Sapa.

Overnight in Bamboo Hotel (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.

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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 Victoria Star Cruise (or similar)

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## Day 8: Ha Long Bay to Hanoi (B)

Rise early for a Tai Chi session on the sundeck or simply enjoy the calm of the bay before a leisurely brunch on board. Disembark and return by road to Hanoi where your journey concludes or continues to your next destination. As you travel back, take a moment to savor the highlights of the days just passed, from limestone peaks to lantern lit streets, a collection of memories to carry home.

Overnight in Victoria Star Cruise (or similar)

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### Inclusions

- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- 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
- Arrival Airport Transfer

### 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	Thu, 09 Apr 26	1091	1390
16/04/2026	Thu, 16 Apr 26	Thu, 23 Apr 26	1091	1390
30/04/2026	Thu, 30 Apr 26	Thu, 07 May 26	1091	1390
14/05/2026	Thu, 14 May 26	Thu, 21 May 26	1078	1364
28/05/2026	Thu, 28 May 26	Thu, 04 Jun 26	1078	1364
11/06/2026	Thu, 11 Jun 26	Thu, 18 Jun 26	1078	1364
25/06/2026	Thu, 25 Jun 26	Thu, 02 Jul 26	1078	1364
09/07/2026	Thu, 09 Jul 26	Thu, 16 Jul 26	1078	1364

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23/07/2026	Thu, 23 Jul 26	Thu, 30 Jul 26	1078	1364
06/08/2026	Thu, 06 Aug 26	Thu, 13 Aug 26	1078	1364
20/08/2026	Thu, 20 Aug 26	Thu, 27 Aug 26	1078	1364
03/09/2026	Thu, 03 Sep 26	Thu, 10 Sep 26	1078	1364
17/09/2026	Thu, 17 Sep 26	Thu, 24 Sep 26	1078	1364
01/10/2026	Thu, 01 Oct 26	Thu, 08 Oct 26	1091	1390
15/10/2026	Thu, 15 Oct 26	Thu, 22 Oct 26	1091	1390
29/10/2026	Thu, 29 Oct 26	Thu, 05 Nov 26	1091	1390
12/11/2026	Thu, 12 Nov 26	Thu, 19 Nov 26	1091	1390
26/11/2026	Thu, 26 Nov 26	Thu, 03 Dec 26	1091	1390
10/12/2026	Thu, 10 Dec 26	Thu, 17 Dec 26	1091	1390
24/12/2026	Thu, 24 Dec 26	Thu, 31 Dec 26	1091	1390
07/01/2027	Thu, 07 Jan 27	Thu, 14 Jan 27	1091	1390
21/01/2027	Thu, 21 Jan 27	Thu, 28 Jan 27	1091	1390
04/02/2027	Thu, 04 Feb 27	Thu, 11 Feb 27	1091	1390
18/02/2027	Thu, 18 Feb 27	Thu, 25 Feb 27	1091	1390
04/03/2027	Thu, 04 Mar 27	Thu, 11 Mar 27	1091	1390
18/03/2027	Thu, 18 Mar 27	Thu, 25 Mar 27	1091	1390

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## **KAVAYA TRAVEL GROUP – SHORT TERMS & CONDITIONS**

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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.